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Asbestos not a concern

By Brian Martin
staff writer

Asbestos is present in two CCU buildings but is not a campus health risk, according to school officials.

Philip Massey, director of design and engineering at Coastal, said both the Williams-Brice Recreation Center and the Singleton Building contain asbestos in pipe insulation. Massey said the asbestos is "non-friable," which means the material would only become a hazard when the pipes need to be replaced.

"If it (the asbestos) is not disturbed, it is not a problem," Massey said.

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-Philip Massey, director of design and engineering

Asbestos is a substance that was frequently used in ceiling insulation from the 1940s until as late as the early 80s, when it was discovered to be a carcinogen, among other things.

Massey said that the school was examined in the early 80s when Coastal was a part of USC. Asbestos was discovered in the insulation wrapped around 90 degree angle junctures

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photo by Jenn Mosquera/ photo editor

The Singleton Building, which was the first structure present on campus, has been inspected for asbestos, but it was found to be non-hazardous.

Construction, detours, can be confusing

By Dan Grigg
staff writer

summer, tourists battle locals for road privileges, while traffic lights slow all progress. The South Carolina Department of Transportation has addressed the issue and brainstormed an idea that just might work.

According to an SCDOT press release, "When construction is complete, motorists will be able to drive this two-mile

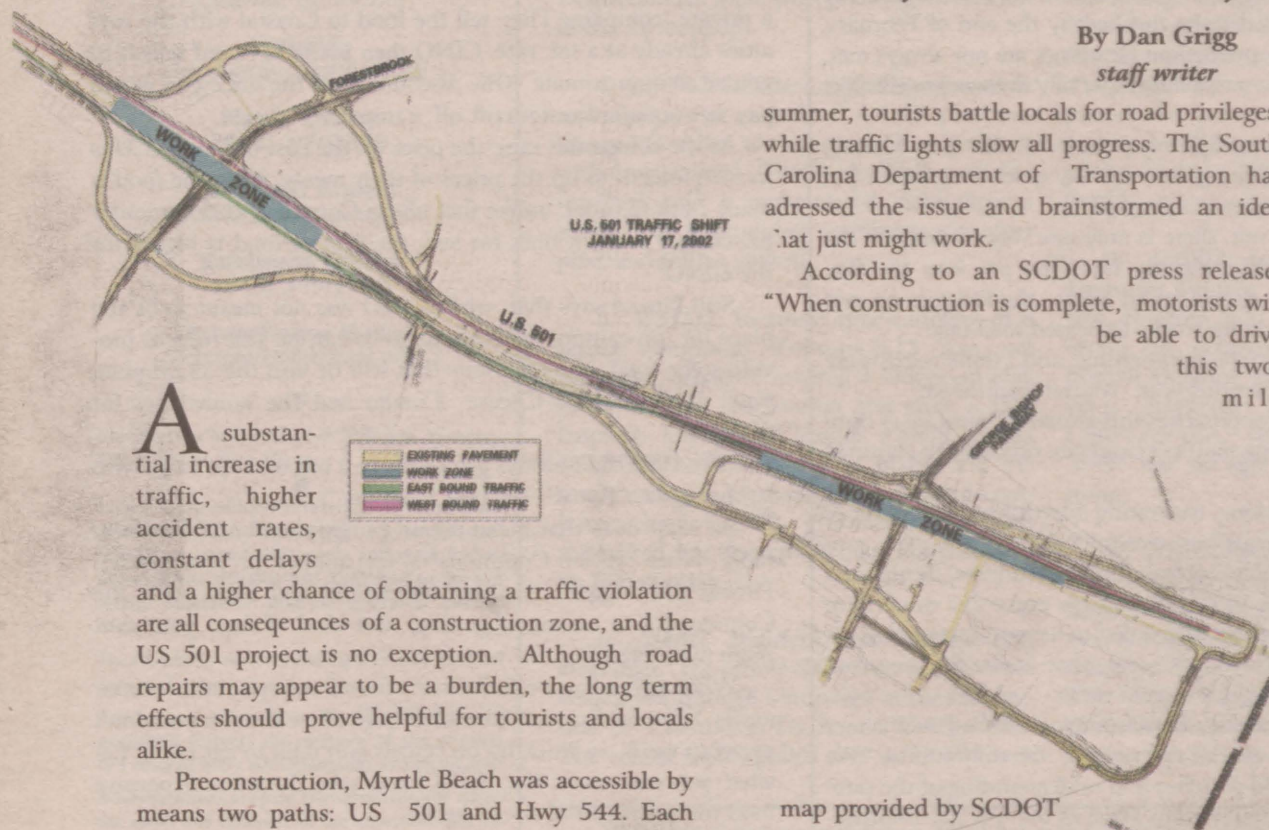
portion of US 501 without being interrupted by traffic lights, while local traffic to businesses will travel on two new, five-lane frontage roads both constructed on each side of US 501."

"Road conditions are not any quicker or better, but hopefully they will be when it's finished."
-Thomas Morrell, CCU senior

In the meantime, road cleanups and lane closures will be expected on highways such as SC 90, US 501 and SC 22. Old Socastee Hwy, Burcale Rd., and the G. Bishop Hwy are among the major street closings.

"I hate these construction zones," said Adam Justice, CCU junior. "I used to live on Burcale road, so I know best. I'm starting to wonder if this mess

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A substantial increase in traffic, higher accident rates, constant delays and a higher chance of obtaining a traffic violation are all consequences of a construction zone, and the US 501 project is no exception. Although road repairs may appear to be a burden, the long term effects should prove helpful for tourists and locals alike.

Preconstruction, Myrtle Beach was accessible by means two paths: US 501 and Hwy 544. Each

Campus Briefs

OMICRON DELTA KAPPA

Letters of invitation and application forms have been sent to nearly 570 juniors and seniors who are academically eligible for election to Omicron Delta Kappa. Election to ODK is an indication of undergraduate achievement. To be eligible, a candidate must be of full time junior or senior status (excluding Seniors graduating in May, 2002), academically in the top third of their class, and have held at least one leadership position. Students who have not received a mailing and who consider themselves eligible should immediately contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs (ext. #2300). Students who have received a mailing from the Vice President's Office are encouraged to complete the form and return it by the Friday, March 1, 2002 deadline.

FOR THE LOVE OF HISTORY

Phi Alpha Theta is dedicated to the research of history. Human history is the living past of anyone and everyone. Every second gone by is a record of someone's (or as it often goes, some people's) thoughts, emotions and actions. Napoleon Bonaparte's attempted conquest of Europe was a combination of all three. So was the last exam you took for either here or in high school. History inspires its own interest, as a look into the past can often provide a glimpse into the future. The question now becomes: Who is brave enough to look?

Membership into the History Honor Society,

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of the pipes in the ceilings of three buildings, the third being the former Admissions Building, which is now the Public Safety Department.

According to Massey, the asbestos was not promptly removed after its original discovery because, in the 80s, the process was an entirely too "expensive proposition," especially since it posed no immediate threat to the health of students and employees.

There is some concern for the health and safety of the maintenance staff because they might have to deal the insulation during a routine repair. However, Massey is certain that the staff is aware of the asbestos.

"The state would not allow us to put our employees in jeopardy," Massey said.

Dr. Ron Ingle, President of Coastal, understands the concerns but agrees with Massey.

"The Singleton Building will be heavily renovated at some point, but there are more pressing budgetary concerns right now," Ingle said. Among these concerns are the poor conditions of the Science Building and the Kimbel Library.

Ingle also pointed out that his office is located in the Singleton Building, and if there were a great risk, he certainly would not keep his hours there.

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is all really worth it."

Many residents are beginning to ask that very question. The construction is scheduled to be finished by the end of February, 2004, but this is only a prediction. Deadlines are not always met, and tardiness is always a possibility, especially in huge projects like this.

"Right now, it seems completely pointless," said Tom Morrell, CCU senior. "Road conditions are not any quicker or better, but hopefully they will be when it's finished."

Whether behind or not, there is only one way to describe the upcoming summer traffic: directly from the pot into the fire. Detours, lane closures, altered speed limits...the list goes on and on, from mud spitting dump trucks to heated road rage.

"501 is bad enough in the summertime, and I think tourists are going to be really confused this year," Morrell continued.

No matter how one approaches this situation, until all is complete, dilemmas regarding motorists and city officials will continue to grow.

Maybe by 2004, the long, frustrating drive for residents west of the 501 bridge will become less stressful when a faster, more convenient route to the beach is revealed. Also, students, faculty and staff that travel from the beach to Conway every day won't have to leave an hour before their scheduled to arrive. As for tourists, the improved roads will make the trip that is usually congested with delays and traffic buildups much easier.

In a SCDOT news release, Project Engineer Kim Patenheimer said, in regard to the overall reaction of the community, "We appreciate the continued patience and understanding of the public as we undertake this important stage of the US 501 improvement project."

Grill prices not changing any time soon

By JamieLynne McMahon
staff writer

Cereal: \$1.29. Snapple: \$1.49. Lg Deli Salad \$4.85. a bag of chips: \$1.29. Cheese Steak \$3.05. Grilled Cheese \$1.50. Chicken Fingers \$3.79.

Sometimes shopping at the CINO can leave you as broke as going to the grocery store.

As an on-campus student at Coastal Carolina University, I can sympathize with everyone shelling out what their \$3 meal plan neglects to cover. You buy your ham and cheese sandwich at \$2.99 and dig in your pocket for the \$.99 to cover the soda to wash it down with. You beg your roommate to lend you her card so you can afford to buy those \$3.79 chicken fingers you're craving for dinner. And through it all, you wonder what the purpose of having a meal really plan is when all you feel like you can actually afford to buy at the grill is breadsticks or Pop Tarts.

While most students prefer the menu at the CINO grill to the menu at The Commons, the fact remains that the cost is getting harder and harder to live with. So why do the prices keep going up on the menu while the on-campus meal plan stays at \$3.00? Bottom line...the grill is meant for the off campus student, and the commons is meant for the on campus student.

When I spoke with Al Pirozzi, head of CCU's CINO Grill, he told me that the Grill was designed for the traveling student, the one who commutes and just needs a quick place to stop into and grab a sandwich or a soda on his way to his next class. It was never really meant to cater to the on-campus population.

Pirozzi also went on to tell me that each station is owned by a private company. They sell the food to Coastal with the royalties already at a set rate. CINO then prepares it and sells it to you at an approximate 40% discount from the price you would pay at a standard restaurant off campus.

As the companies raise the price on the cost of food, CCU is in turn forced to up the prices of their meals. Since the food is made fresh to order, unlike that of the Commons that can order pre-cooked food in bulk for less, the cost of food is higher for the CINO.

Still Pirozzi says that, while CINO was not meant to be the place for on-campus students to go to eat, he still tries to provide some food combinations that will fit into the \$3.00 plan. Such as the Grilled Cheese Combo and the sandwiches for \$2.99.

"True you can't always get a soda or a bag of chips to go with it," he says. "But it's the best I can do."

So what does that mean for on-campus students? Basically, more meals at the Commons or less money in your pocket. Pirozzi did suggest sharing complaints and ideas with the Commons as a means of getting the kind of food you want there more often.

What advice can I offer? Grab a friend and split both of your meals between 2 cards. Take advantage of meal times you don't use your cards to stock up on cereals and milk to eat later. Eat what you can eat at the CINO and save the more expensive food for when you're not as broke.

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CRIME LOG

1. 1/24/02: Incident type-Assisting HCPD on arrest warrant.

At 10:30 a.m., a CCUPD officer assisted Horry County PD on an arrest warrant on Breach of Trust charges at the Edwards Building, room 166. The subject was transported to the J. Reuben Long Detention Center.

2. 1/27/02: Incident type-Malicious damage to automobiles. Between midnight and 11:00 that morning, the victim complained that person(s) unknown damaged his 2000 Ford Mustand that was parked in the Waccamaw parking lot. Two other Mustangs, an Explorer, and a Mitsubishi were also vandalized. There are no other suspects at this time.

3. 1/30/02: Incident type-Telephone harassment. The complainant stated that, on January 29, at approximately 6:00 p.m., an unknown person repeatedly called her Dogwood Hall room with grunting sounds followed by hangups.

4. 1/30/02: Incident type-Drug/narcotic and equipment violation. A 1:45 p.m., residence life called for assistance to a problem with drug activity. The Santee Hall room was searched, and a multicolored glass pipe, a plastic bag containing marijuana, another pipe, and rolling papers.

5. 1/31/02: Incident type-Larceny of a laptop computer. Between 8:15 a.m. and 1:45 p.m., someone entered a Dogwood Hall room without permission and stole a Dell Inspiron Computer, Model #3800, Serial #5QVX301. The laptop is black, and the inside casing is maroon; the estimated computer value is \$3,500. The victim stated that she locked her dorm room door, but there was no forced entry.

6. 2/4/02: Incident type-Disregarding stop sign. The officer observed a small, white vehicle roll through a stop sign at the intersection of Chanticleer Dr. E. and College Blvd. The vehicle finally pulled over in Quail Creek

Golf Course and asked for his driver's license. He said that he lost his DL a week earlier, but he didn't have a current vehicle registration or any paperwork to support his claim. The Conway PD did a check with Georgia for his name and date of birth, and two subjects with the same name were proposed, but his DOB proved that he was not licensed in the state of GA. A state citation was issued for disregarding a stop sign, and the subject was told that he needed to get a current copy of his vehicle registration and contact the PD to get a report filled out concerning his lost DL.

7. 2/5/02: Incident type-Malicious damage to automobile. Between 8:30 a.m. and 12:55 p.m., the complainant stated that person(s) unknown scratched the rear left side bumper of his 1992 Honda Accord. An estimated \$100 worth of damage was done.

8. 2/5/02: Incident type-Possession of marijuana. At approximately 9:15 p.m., officers were called to meet with the residence life staff in reference to suspicion of drug activity. They asked the resident if he had any marijuana in his possession before the rooms were searched, and he pulled a plastic bag from his pocket and handed it over. A bong was also found.

9. 2/6/02: Incident type-Larceny of Laser Jet Printer. The complainant stated that, between 3:00 p.m. on the 6th and 1:30 on the 7th, an unknown person(s) entered the Science Building, room 209 and took a Laser Jet 4100TN Printer, Serial number C8051A#ABA. It is worth about \$1,799. There was no sign of forced entry into the room.

10. 2/7/02: Incident type-Disregarding a stop sign/too fast for conditions. At the same intersection as above, the officer pulled over the vehicle for going approximately 50 miles per hour at about 2:00 in the morning. The driver was pulled over and issued citations for disregarding a stop sign and for driving too fast for the condition.

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known as Phi Alpha Theta, is open to those who meet the following prerequisites: a 3.5 GPA in 12 or more credit hours of history and have a 3.0 GPA overall. Those who are interested should see Dr. Navin in his office in room 267 of the Edwards Humanities Building. Meeting take place biweekly on Wednesdays at 3:00 in room 245 of the Edwards Humanities Building. The first meeting takes place on February 13. Those who are interested should stop by and check us out. You are more than welcome!

If you qualify and want to explore history with other interested people, as well as enjoying membership in an honor society, then please do not hesitate. We would love to have you with us, so please come see us. And if you would like to join, please speak to Dr. Navin of the history department as soon as you can. Spring inductions are in April, and we want to see you there.

HORNER RECEIVES 2001 MARTHA KIME PIPER AWARD

Sally M. Horner, executive vice president at Coastal Carolina University, has been named the recipient of the 2001 Martha Kime Piper Award. Given annually by South Carolina Women In Higher Education, the award recognizes a woman with a record of advancing and supporting women in higher education and the education of women in South Carolina.

Horner, who is also serving as interim provost at Coastal for the 2001-2002 academic year, was named executive vice president in 1993. She had served as vice chancellor for planning and fiscal affairs at Coastal since 1984.

The Crime Log is compiled from police interviews and police reports news editor, Nicole Service

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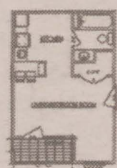
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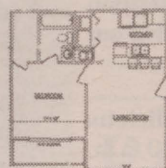
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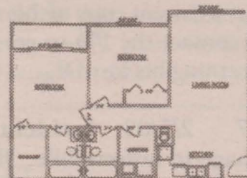
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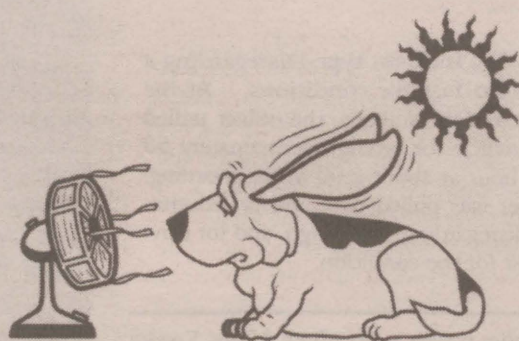
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Survey shows sexual activity increases with drug use

By Tyler Emler
The Lariat (Baylor U.)

(U-WIRE) WACO, Texas - A new survey shows that of the 5.6 million teenagers and young adults who are sexually active in the United States, 29 per-

cent of them have been led to go farther sexually than they had planned because of drug- and alcohol-relaxed inhibitions.

The survey, conducted by the Kaiser Family Foundation, also shows that out of the same amount, 23 percent report having had unprotected sex as a result of substance abuse.

Lauren Asher, director of communications for the foundation, said the data show that not only are the young adults using drugs and alcohol but they are also allowing these substances to affect their decisions in regard to sexuality. She said that substance abuse can lead young adults into "making choices that they would not normally make. Substances will make them do more than they planned sexually," and ignorance to this problem can lead to problems such as sexually transmitted diseases and unplanned pregnancies.

The large percentage of adolescents who stumble into these problems, although it may seem high, is probably very accurate, Dr. Preston Dyer, Baylor professor of social work.

Dyer said he has no doubts as to the magnitude of the percentage.

"I'm surprised it's not higher," he said.

One of the reasons that the numbers aren't higher might be because

people are simply too embarrassed to talk about it.

Dr. Drew Altman, president of the Kaiser Family Foundation, said, "many teens, as well as young adults, are mixing sex with alcohol and drugs, and putting themselves at risk. These are sensitive issues that many young people don't like to talk about, so these data likely underestimate the full extent of the problem."

Asher said she hopes the survey will lead young adults and teenagers to show more caution. She said the most important implication the survey highlights is "that it is a wake-up call because generally sex education and education about alcohol and drugs are done separately, and we need to talk about them together."

Dyer said that students also should be told that one of the biggest factors in unwanted pregnancy is using situational contraceptives.

"If a student is going to be sexually active, get them on a type of contraceptive that doesn't have to be used at the time of intercourse" like oral contraceptives, he said.

To those who ignore these safeguards, Asher offered this advice: "Be aware that if they plan on using drugs or alcohol, they may be putting themselves at risk sexually as well."

Job Talk

By Mollie Fout
Director of Career Services

In the last issue I tried to provide recent alumni and May graduates with some general guidelines for planning their first professional job search. TODAY I'M SHOUTING - HURRY, THE TIME TO SIGN UP FOR INTERVIEWING ON CAMPUS IS HERE!

The main events are:

Spring Networking Luncheon, Wed., Feb. 27, 12 Noon to 2PM in Room 003 of the newly named Law Enforcement Center, formerly the Admissions Building.

To attend register by Feb. 20, in the Career Resource Lab- Cost \$10.00

Selected faculty, Student Affairs staff and employer representatives will meet for lunch and a networking opportunity. Professional attire required. Visit the Career Services web site at www.coastal.edu/career on Feb. 15, for a complete list of employers. Some employers planning to be represented are: The Divine Dining Group, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Fairfield Resort, The Sherwin Williams Company, Wyndam Myrtle Beach Resort, Primerica Financial Services

On-Line Job Fair, March 4-8, 24/7

If you are registered with Career Services and have uploaded your resume to the CCU Resume Bank by March 1, you will be able to respond directly to those employment opportunities that will posted to the Career Services web site on March 4.

Employers will then contact candidates by phone or email to conduct screening interviews or schedule on-site interviews. Some employers who have registered to be in this On-line Job Fair include: Edward Jones, Sherwin Williams(Atlanta) and Enterprise Rent-A-Car

Senior Recruitment Day, Thursday, March 7th, 9AM to 5PM, Room 003 Law Enforcement Center. Pre-registration in the Career Resource Lab is required by Feb. 22, 2002. Professional attire and submission of resumes are also required. Take the opportunity to interview for professional positions with respected public and private organizations. Positions will be filled with start dates in May and June. A list of participating organizations with company profiles and job titles will be published on the Career Services web site on Feb. 15th. Some of the organizations registered at this time are: AmeriCorps, Bank of America, Divine Dining Group, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, SC Dept. of Social Services, The Sherwin Williams Company, Waccamaw Center for Mental Health and Primerica Financial Services

Other HOT EMPLOYMENT news:

Federal employment is a "Best Bet" for Class of 2002 because of initiatives being taken by the federal government to replace over a third of its workforce due to retire by 2005.

Nine out of 10 federal agencies expect to increase their starting salaries, too, with the average starting salary for bachelor's degree candidates of \$33,175.

AmeriCorps is a network of more than 1,000 national and local non-profit organizations that will be increasing the number of opportunities in its organization by 50%. Members are involved with varied public safety, health, housing, disaster relief and environmental programs everywhere in the country. Compensation includes an educational award of \$4,725 per year that can be used to pay off student loans or toward future education.

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Greek Briefs

Interfraternity Council

IFC would like to recognize the new officers. Congratulations to Mitch Snipes of Pi Kappa Alpha, President; Luke Peluso of Pi Kappa Phi, Vice President; Charlie Sena of Pi Kappa Phi, Treasurer; Justin Vining of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Secretary; and Zak Wutsch of Pi Kappa Alpha, Recruitment Coordinator.

All Greek organizations are reminded of Greek Pride Day! Please wear your letters, badges, or other paraphernalia EVERY WEDNESDAY to show pride in your organization and GREEK PRIDE!!

Gamma Phi Beta

The ladies of Gamma Phi Beta hope that everyone enjoyed the homecoming events as much as we did. We would like to congratulate all of the 2002 homecoming contestants as well as Lindsay Yarger and Darren Grassi. Valentine's Day is approaching, and we will be selling carnations in front of the Student Center on February 13 and 14, for \$1.00. All of the proceeds go to the Myrtle Beach Humane Society, which we have adopted as our local philanthropy. For all of the ladies interested in coming out for Spring recruitment, our first gathering will be on Monday, February 18, at 7:00 pm, in the Commons. Come out, meet the sisters, and eat pizza. We would love to meet you! If there are any questions contact Adrienne Supko at Adgelisa88@aol.com or Deonne in the Student Activities Office. Have a Happy Valentine's Day and remember Gamma Phi's are your sweethearts.

Phi Sigma Sigma

The ladies of Phi Sigma Sigma would like to thank all the ladies who came to spring recruitment and would like to congratulate all of our new members. In the month of February, we look forward to doing community service geared towards Valentine's Day. We hope everyone enjoyed the homecoming events of the past week. We would also like to congratulate the 2002 Homecoming King and Queen.

Pi Kappa Phi

The brothers of Pi Kappa Phi have had a great time celebrating Coastal's Homecoming this past week. We capped off a great week by volunteering at the Myrtle Beach Marathon on Saturday, as well as honoring one of our founding brothers, Chad Michael Beaty, with a memorial service. Our Alumni Cookout this weekend was also a great success, as many of our brothers were in town to participate in Homecoming. We are looking forward to more events in the coming weeks, and wish everyone well.

Sigma Sigma Sigma

The ladies of Sigma Sigma Sigma would like to congratulate our newest members Jessica Trow, Caitlin O'Malley, and Leigh Hileman. We send our Sigma love and congratulations to Jen Overholt for making 2002 Homecoming Court. Also congratulations to the 2002 Homecoming King & Queen. We are currently looking for potential members, please contact the Greek Advisor in the Office of Student Activities for more information.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

TKE would like to congratulate the following new members on their recent acceptance into the fraternity: Richard Linneman, Eric Tarves, Brian Kuhta, Sean Briggs, Brad Gauchat, David Schoer.

GREEK WEEK PLANNING MEETINGS! Every greek organizations must send one representative to the planning meetings. Greek cup points will be awarded for attendance. The meetings are February 18, March 11 & 25, and April 8 & 15 at 4pm in the Student Activities conference room. Mark your calendars, Greek Week is April 18-26.



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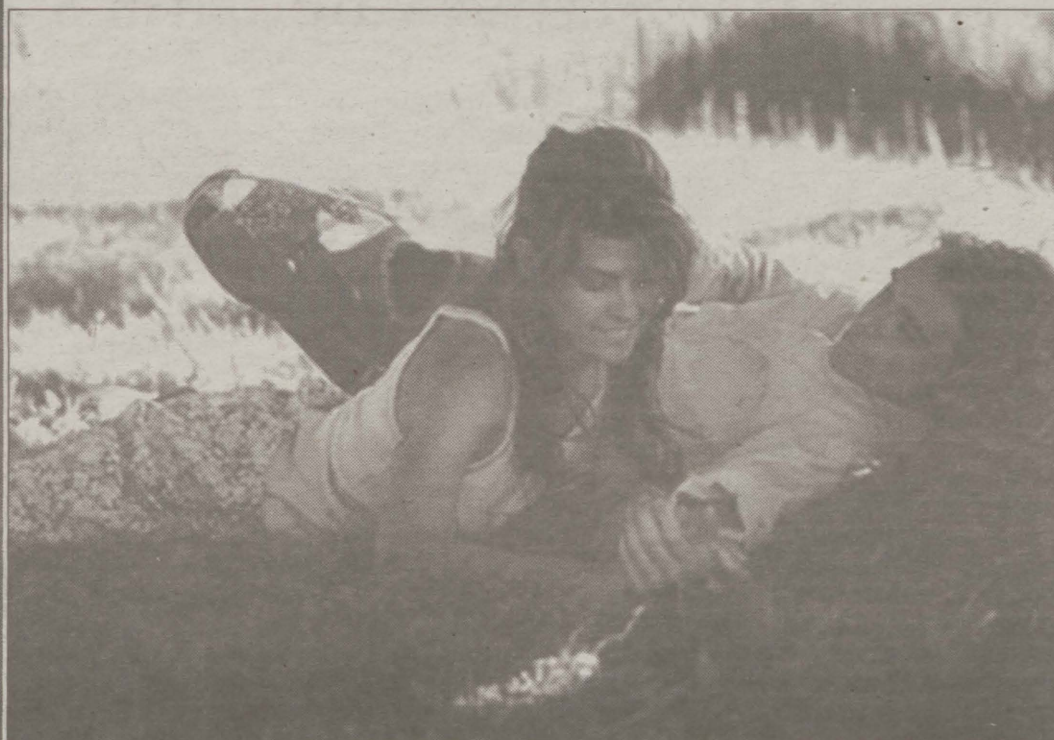
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MOVIE REVIEW: By: Brian Martin/ staff writer



(PRNewsFotos)

Although there is a considerable age different between the characters played by Marisa Tomei and Nick Stahl in the film, 'In the Bedroom,' it does not affect their love for one another.

Director Todd Field's film "In the Bedroom" is a story of love, tragedy and vengeance. And if you open yourself up to it, it might end up being one of the best movies you'll see this year.

The plot follows a married couple, played by Tom Wilkinson ("The Full Monty") and Sissy Spacek ("Carrie"). Their college-aged son, Frank ("Nick Stahl") is dating Natalie, an older woman (Marisa Tomei), who has two children from a previous marriage. Field never lets us see exactly what ended that marriage, but when the ex-husband (William Mapother) shows up, it is made abundantly clear that he is bad news.

I am hesitant to reveal too much about the film's story, written by Field and Rob Festinger from a story by Andre Dubus. To be honest, I found some of the important plot elements to be fairly predictable. But this film accomplished a rare thing for me. Although there were several points in the movie when I was able to say, "I saw that coming," I was always shocked and/or horrified by what I saw. I literally jumped in my seat as I was viewing the film. The makers of the film rely not on twists and turns to surprise viewers, but on the power of raw emotion.

When the family faces an awful tragedy, viewers see how much one event can damage a person's state of mind. Much of the story is

told from the perspectives of Wilkinson and Spacek's characters. From the time of the tragedy to the film's conclusion, a series of scenes strip away the layers of the characters, laying their emotions bare not only for the audience to see, but also to feel.

To fully enjoy this movie, I believe viewers need to accept Field's invitation to emotionally involve themselves in the characters' lives. The incredibly believable performances of Wilkinson and Spacek make this sort of connection easy.

Spacek is receiving a lot of praise for her role as Ruth Fowler, but I think Wilkinson delivered the most powerful performance in the film. His portrayal of Matt Fowler descending into hopelessness and torment was the character I connected with personally. Watching him go from hosting a cookout at the beginning to his action at the climax was both intriguing and saddening.

The supporting cast only strengthens the film. In Tomei's eyes, the audience sees both love and heartache. Mapother, as Richard Strout, manages to look as despicable as he acts.

The film is an amazing emotional experience right up to the final scene, as we see a man who has discovered the ultimate price for revenge may have been his soul.

Top seven Valentine's Day movies

By William Albritton
The Oracle (U. South Florida)

(U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fla. - Thursday is Valentine's Day, and my favorite activity on the day devoted to love is watching movies. Every year, people in love try to do everything for their significant other to show him or her that they care. However, sometimes that extreme activity can be taxing on the wallet. This year, why not just cook a nice dinner and enjoy a classic love story by snuggling up with the one you love? Provided the film is at your local chain video store, it shouldn't cost you more than a few bucks.

In assembling this year's list of romance-themed films to suggest, I turned to some of my fellow editors at The Oracle to see what does it for them when it comes to Hollywood stars puckering up for our enjoyment. While classics, such as "Say Anything" and "Sleepless In Seattle," were thrown into the mix, surprises came in some of the newer releases, such as "Chocolat" and "For Love of The Game." Game wasn't the only Costner flick tossed around; "Tin Cup" was mentioned as a possibility. Also, Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan were popular choices for leading romantic couple, with Seattle making the grade after "You've Got Mail" got passed up. Here are The Oracle's top ten 2002 Valentine movies:

THE PRINCESS BRIDE, 1987

Special to The Oracle Cary Elwes and Robin Wright star in Rob Reiner's 1987 classic romance film, The Princess Bride. This Valentine's Day would be a perfect opportunity to revisit this staple of cinematic greatness. (recommended by William Albritton, Movies Editor) True love is at the core of one of the greatest pieces of entertainment of all time. Cary Elwes and Robin Wright play Wesley and Buttercup in Rob Reiner's classic tale of murder, revenge, mystery and love. Fred Savage is the boy whom we relate to as his grandfather, played by Peter Falk, reads him the fairy tale. Billy Crystal, Mandy Patinkin and Andre The Giant co-star in a film that will make you laugh, cry and hold your loved one close as you attempt to surpass "the five greatest kisses in all the world."

WHEN HARRY MET SALLY, 1989

(recommended by Michelle Demeter, Opinion Editor) Rob Reiner directs Billy Crystal here again and introduces Meg Ryan as the future America's Sweetheart in a film that hilariously asks, "Can a man and woman simply be friends?" In the decade-spanning, non-linear story, Reiner attempts to answer that question as Crystal and Ryan get dangerously close to becoming more than friends. Harry is a classic, and Ryan's orgasm scene at the diner will go down in cinematic history.

SAY ANYTHING, 1989

(recommended by Steve Gregg, Copy Chief) Who can forget John Cusack standing outside his love's driveway with boombox lifted over head as he attempts to win back the girl of his dreams? Cameron Crowe directed this classic romantic comedy about a dork whose high school relationship with the beautiful brain sends him crazy in love. Almost every girl wants her guy to be as romantic as Cusack is here, and

it was this movie that made him a star.

SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE, 1993

(recommended by Stefanie Green, News Editor) Meg Ryan made a career out of these films, and this marked the first real grown-up role for Hanks. Playing a widower who must raise a son on his own, Hanks tells his tale of sorrow on a late-night national radio show. When Ryan hears his voice, it is enough to leave her fiancé, played by Bill Pullman, and meet him at the top of the Empire State Building. I'm not ashamed to say this movie brought me to tears at age 13.

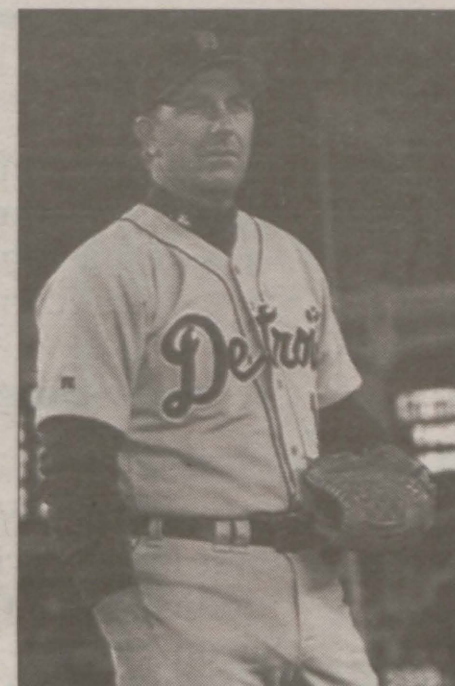
TITANIC, 1997

(recommended by Khari Williams, Sports Editor)

While it seems strange for a sports guy to recommend a movie starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Titanic did tell a great love story, and as Khari puts it, "You're completely wrapped up in the story for three hours." James Cameron's epic went on to become the highest-grossing film of all time and win 11 Oscars. Set on the fateful maiden voyage of the Titanic, the tragic film follows the path of star-crossed lovers Jack (Leonardo DiCaprio) and Rose (Kate Winslett) as they spend their first and last days together before their cruise-liner hits an iceberg. Even Khari got choked up after seeing this film.

FOR LOVE OF THE GAME, 1999

(recommended by Sam Taylor, Photo Editor) Never has a film successfully walked the fine line between the sports genre and romance drama as well as Game. Told through mental flashbacks during a perfect game being pitched by Kevin Costner, the film chronicles the relationship of an aging baseball pitcher and his writer girlfriend (Kelly Preston). Costner and Preston both show acting chops during their dramatic scenes and yet make a convincing pair as two



(PRNewsFotos)

Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslett (above) gave box-office breaking performances in Titanic. Chocolat (bottom left) and Kevin Costner's For Love of the Game (bottom right) may not have broken any records at the box-office, but they are still good movies to watch on Valentine's Day.

people in love that the audience can relate to.

CHOCOLAT, 2000

(recommended by Ryan Meehan, Managing Editor) Juliette Binoche's mystical chocolate shop brings life to a town in rural France that is bored and dreary. Not everyone comes around at the beginning, but soon her secret recipe aphrodisiac warms over even the coolest of hearts. But how could a woman who brings love to so many people not have a love of her own? Enter Johnny Depp as a river gypsy, and love is in the air. Director Lasse Hallstrom's dreamy images of Binoche swirling her chocolate leave the audience craving the sugary treat — how apropos on Valentine's Day.

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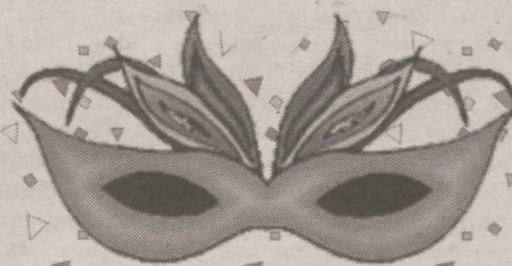
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VALENTINE'S DAY

What to do if you
don't have a clueBy Jordan Lipman and Nicole Service
for *The Chanticleer*

Valentine's Day is here, and if you're like many other college students, you've been too busy (or too lazy) to plan something special. Good news. We have some suggestions that you can pull off in a short amount of time and still thoroughly impress your sweetheart.

And if you're single, we have a few tricks up our sleeves to help you get through the holiday.

Guys, if you have a significant other, remember: candles, champagne, rose petals and massages. People will tell you that it's not a good idea to buy flowers and candy because it is not "creative" or "original." Guys, forget all that. Girls appreciate...well, pretty much anything as long as you're thinking of them.

For the ladies, we know that sometimes it's hard to think of something to buy for the boyfriend who is easily pleased. Unfortunately, there is no magic solution for this. You know best what he likes and doesn't like, so maybe buying him his favorite DVD or even a bulk amount of his favorite food would work. Just keep in mind that the guys like to know that you're thinking of them just as much as the girls do.

Great gift ideas (even if they are a little bit corny): a fish in a bowl with a note saying, "Out of all the fish in the sea, I'm glad you're the one for me!"

Reciting a Shakespearian sonnet could also work. There are lots of big, fancy words that will score points even if you don't understand what you're saying.

For those long distance relationships, how about having balloons and flowers delivered to your loved one? Or make them a home-made card. Remember the days of glitter and glue?

Whatever you do, do not, under any circumstances, mail your faraway sweetie the fish with the note.

Serenade your loved one.

If you're single, how about a strip club? Or streaking down the boulevard? That should get you a date!

If running naked through a public place is not your style, get a bunch of your friends together for a night out on the town.

Or just do something nice for yourself if you're single. Use the money that you saved on a gift to buy yourself that new sweater you've been eyeing or a new video game to play.

Remember, you could always stay in and get ahead on your homework assignments. The point is not to waste the day. Whether you have someone in particular to celebrate with, a bunch of single friends or a quiet night to yourself, there are tons of ways to have fun, be romantic and survive another February 14.

Singout worthy of name

By Matthew Parsons
staff writer

The annual Greater Gospel Singout was held this past Sunday in Wheelwright Auditorium, presented by CCU's 2002 African-American Celebration Series.

"Feel free to jump up and clap your hands, sit back and stomp your feet or do whatever your heart desires," Emma Sellers, a member of Leadership Challenge, said as the event got underway.

Master of Ceremonies Dr. Herbert Thompson reiterated this point before the packed auditorium was treated to the 'call and answer' rapport that gospel and inspirational music is known for. The Coastal Carolina Choir, Cymp'l Touch, Chosen (an interpretive mime act), Dejour and the Bethlehem #1 Missionary Baptist Church Combined Choir were the performers, in respective order. The event has been held every year since 1988, in celebration of Black History Month.

2002 marks Pat Singleton-Young's 10th anniversary as coordinator of the event. When asked about what is involved in organizing such an event, Singleton-Young said the most important factor is "listening to the community." She said that once she heard positive reports about a choir or singing group, she would then go and listen to the group herself.

This process of careful planning and handpicking artists from the community resulted in a showcase of some of the South's best gospel groups.

The evening's musical entertainment began with three songs by the Coastal Carolina Choir. The choir was a perfect example of how contemporary gospel can be combined with traditional sounds. Each performance featured a solo singer being backed up by the members of the choir. The CCU Choir finished out their set with a soulful yet lively song titled "My Healing."

Cymp'l Touch came out for three a'capella numbers and were followed by the interpretative mime choreography of Chosen. Cymp'l Touch is comprised of three ladies who previously sang together in the CCU Choir. The Coastal alums started the group in 1994, and have been performing ever since. Cymp'l Touch won an audition for BET and had the chance to perform with the R&B singer Al B. Sure.

They have also been known to perform at North Myrtle Beach's House of Blues' Sunday Gospel Brunches.

Chosen was formed in 1999 with the idea of putting Gospel music into motion. This group was definitely entertaining and unexpected. Without making a noise, Chosen had the full auditorium standing and cheering.

The highlight of the evening was unmistakably the performance by Dejour. This five member male singing group showed off not only their talent, but also their love for music. The group began in Conway, SC during the fall of 1993. Since then, they have performed renowned venues such as Showtime at the Apollo, Sylvia's in New York City and even Keith Sweat's The Industry in Atlanta. Believe the hype - these guys are good! Their music is a blend of traditional Gospel style with the R&B sounds of The Temptations and Boyz II Men. They have influences in doo-wop as well. By the time their three-song set was over, a seated person was not to be found. Upon leaving the stage, shouts of "encore" rang through the hall. Dejour obliged its fans with an inspirational tune that involved participation from the audience.

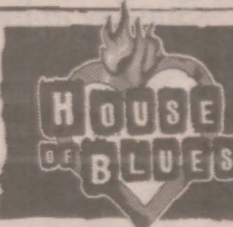
The Bethlehem #1 Missionary Baptist Church Combined Choir offered the grand finale for the evening. They have travelled all over Horry County, spreading the word through their traditional gospel choir. This group, in the same vein as the CCU Choir, finished where the choir left off. For the last song, the CCU Choir returned to the stage to lend a helping hand. Members of Dejour joined as well for the chorus. This final performance made the event worthy of the name it was given - Singout. The choirs did not stop singing until everyone had left the building.

If you missed this Sunday's performance, just remember to keep it in mind for next year. This is one of CCU's traditions that will not be broken any time soon.



photo by Jenn Mosquera/photo editor

The CCU Gospel Choir opened the annual Gospel Singout with both contemporary and traditional gospel hymns.

	
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Students direct spring play

By Melissa Ryan
for *The Chanticleer*

When you see a play, the only thing you see is the final product. You don't take into account the hours of work many people had to provide in order to make the production possible.

And no one puts in more work than the director.

The end result of that labor, the unraveling of a story right before your eyes, is the only thing you have to consider.

For students Elizabeth Farmer and Kathy Girod,

that end result is their passion, their motivation to captivate the audience and send them home feeling like they have just lived a story.

In this case, that story is "A Taste of Honey," the play that they are co-directing for their play production class. It is about Jo, a 17-year-old daughter of a deadbeat, alcoholic, whore of a mother. During the course of the play, Jo gets pregnant with the child of a black sailor and lives with a homosexual art student for the duration of her pregnancy because her mother abandoned her for her newest husband.

Elizabeth and Kathy may have each found their way to the theater life, but that doesn't mean that they are copies of each other. In fact, it might be their differences that make them such an effective directing duo.



photo by Melissa Ryan/ for *The Chanticleer*
Kathy Girod (left) and Elizabeth Farmer (right) have been hard at work directing their play, "A Taste of Honey."

attended Columbia College until the summer after her freshman year, when her parents split up. Elizabeth decided that Columbia wasn't for her, so she packed her bags and moved to the beach to attend Coastal.

When asked about their views on theater, this play, and life in general, they both came up with very different answers.

"I wanted to direct a play because I enjoy theater, and I wanted to be responsible for the creation of a production," Elizabeth said. "I also like reading the scripts and interpreting how I think characters would look on stage, how they would say their lines, etc."

Kathy said, "I want to paint my own pictures on stage."

They each had an unique view on what makes a good director as well.

"Flexibility, creativity, and a good sense of humor because something is always bound to go wrong," Elizabeth said.

"Commitment to the preparation of the script and patience," Kathy added.

Elizabeth couldn't help but interject, "The most important, though, is smashing good looks."

Despite their many differences, they both had the same animated expression when it came to talking about what they love.

"It (theater) opens a person up to new ideas; it forces you to think about why people are the way they are and why they do what they do," Elizabeth said.

Kathy agreed and said, "It gives you a chance to play the fool without being the fool."

Elizabeth plans to go to film school and maybe become a screenwriter. She also hopes to direct some shows and eventually star in a mainstage production.

Kathy is going to graduate school at West Virginia University.

Elizabeth and Kathy will be making their directing debut this April 4, 5 and 6 with "A Taste of Honey." And with dedicated, passionate people like them calling the shots, it's certain to be a memorable experience.

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Sano brings Japan to CCU

By Jerrad Oakley
for *The Chanticleer*

It may be half a world away, but Japanese language and culture is slowly creeping into the ever-expanding list of international learning opportunities here at Coastal.

And it is Japan native Mariko Sano, with two classes of 27 students each, who is the voice of the program. Her goal is to fulfill the highly ambitious educational demands that, as she said it, American students possess.

"American students really take the time to understand the information that is given to them, unlike many of the college students in Japan who just want to get a degree. The students that are in my class give me as much of a challenge as I give them."

As of right now, Coastal is offering only two classes in the Japanese language: 101-Beginning Japanese and 201-Intermediate Japanese. This is followed by an option of international study in Japan. Professor Sano is hopeful that a Japanese minor will be offered at Coastal sometime in the future, but no immediate plans have been set.

Sano is excited to be in America to teach college students her native language. The ambitious young educator has acquired a plethora of experience. After graduating from high school in Saga, she attended Kumamoto University, an all female institution close to her home, where she studied English and American literature.

Professor Sano then followed her heart and went to Korea to teach children and young adults how to speak English. Her experience in Korea left her with much

satisfaction, teaching her a great deal about the patience and determination that is required to be a teacher. After five years of service in Korea, she decided it was time to fulfill her lifetime dream of living in America.

After traveling around the U.S. for a while, Professor Sano started teaching elementary school children the basics of Japanese. Her next step in life was a move to Myrtle Beach. In order to supplement her income, she got a job at a Japanese restaurant in the Murrells Inlet area. Little did she know how that would affect what was supposed to be a short stay in Myrtle Beach.

While putting in hours at the restaurant, Professor Sano fell in love with the man who is now her husband.

"Everything in my life changed after I met my husband, who is now the owner of the establishment."

Her traveling life is now a bit slower, but she doesn't mind; Sano is a Southern girl at heart, and she enjoys the warm climate that accompanies the pace of life in the South.

"The people in this community are very nice and have a whole different state of mind than most other parts of the U.S. This feels like home."

Growing up in the southern part of Japan and now settling here, her next move will be decided by the future plans of her husband. Not sure whether or not she will live here for the rest of her life is not stopping Sano from making a difference at Coastal right now.

Professor Sano has worked hard to earn her success, and because of her hard work, others will succeed as well. Give this lady the Alger Award. Sounds like another great American success story.

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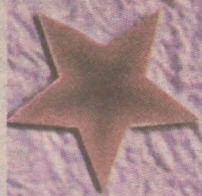
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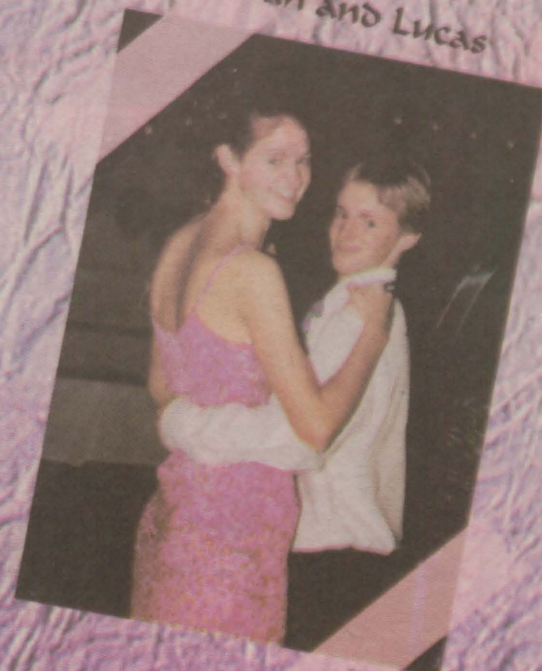


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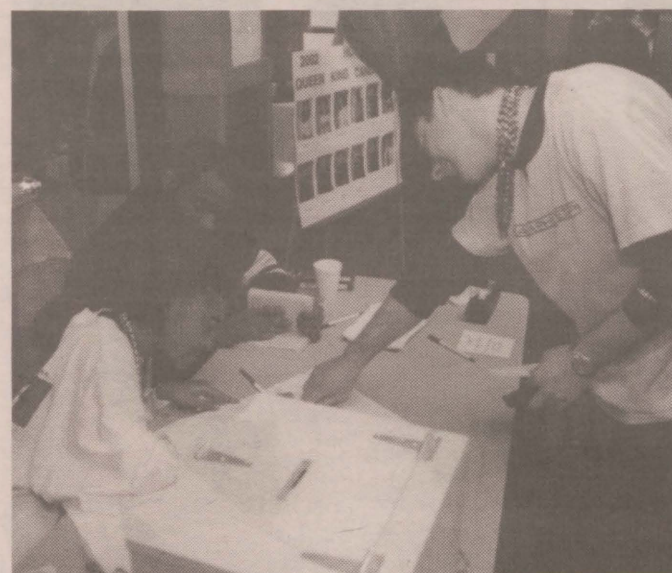
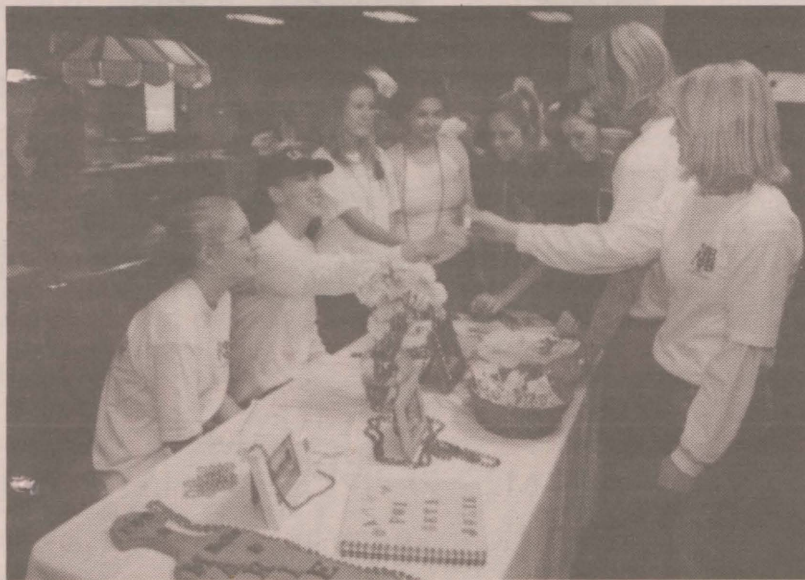


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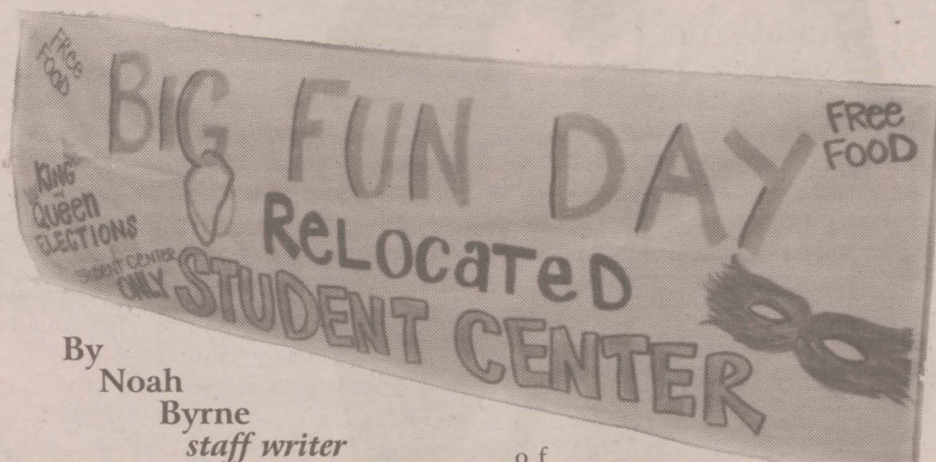
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Big Fun Day unstoppable



Ladies of Gamma Phi Beta (above) have a little fun while hanging out at BFD. (middle and left) Students enjoy the free candy and vote for the Homecoming King and Queen.

photos by
Chris Clark/ staff
photographer



By
Noah
Byrne
staff writer

For those of you who were expecting balloons, music, food and games on the Prince Lawn last Wednesday, needless to say, it wasn't there. Because of the inclement weather, Coastal's first annual Big Fun Day was moved inside the Student Center.

However, that didn't stop many students from turning out for the event.

Big Fun Day is an event which show-cases the many different student organizations within CCU and allows these different groups to attempt to recruit and inform the general student body. The fact that it was indoors was a disappointment to some students.

"This year it was fun, but the fact that it was inside means we can't get as much exposure," Taurean Davis said.

Terrence Harriot of the African American Association agreed that the rain spoiled some of the fun. "We had a marathon relay planned with a dizzy bat, potato sack race and a pie eating contest, but unfortunately the rain messed all that up."

The Greeks were in attendance, and the sororities and fraternities were attempting to recruit people by using clever games and giving out free candy to attract people to their booths.

"Sigma Sigma Sigma is really excited about our spring recruitment. We are looking for ladies that are just as excited as we are," said Yvonne Shendo, Tri-Sig representative.

Along with fraternities and sororities, there were also clubs and other organizations wishing to inform people

of what they offer. The Baptist Collegiate Ministry was one, and they were my favorite because they didn't mind if I stole handfuls of candy. Others included the AAA, the Student Alumni Ambassadors, Coastal Productions and the CCU Cheerleaders. Also, representatives of Students In Free Enterprise and Society for the Advancement of Management, an outreach program that teaches people of the community about business, set up booths of their own.

Michele Dreideng, a representative of both SIFE and SAM, said, "Big Fun Day is a great opportunity to inform students about the benefits of what the clubs offer to prepare for the future."

The Cheerleaders had something different in mind. They started a raffle, and one ticket will give anyone a chance to win prizes such as a television, cell phone, restaurant gift certificates, bar tabs, a gym membership and countless others. The Cheerleaders are selling tickets to raise \$10,000 dollars for the national competition that they have qualified for again this year. The tickets are a dollar, and the winners will be drawn at the end of the season.

Free pizza and subs were also provided, yet the food ran out within an hour of starting BFD, leaving many students to wonder, "Where's the beef?"

Despite the cold and rain, BFD was a success, or, as Charlotte Dyal put it simply, "Big Fun Day was a big day of fun!"

MUSIC REVIEW

Walona plays live in MB

By Candace Davis
staff writer

Broadway anyone? Nah. Keg party again? I'll pass. Movies? Sorry, seen them all. The same old Myrtle Beach hangouts can become boring and we are constantly looking for new things to do on the weekends.

Well, if you are into live entertainment or maybe just looking for something new to do, then Walona is for you. "Walona?" some may say. "Who's that?"

The answer is a "modern pop style band with a repertoire of originals," as Walona describes

themselves on their website. This rock-rap group actually originated in the Myrtle Beach area, and the foursome said that they chose their unique name from a late night with a Ouija board and a bottle of Jagermeister.

This flavorful group got their start back in the fall of 1998 when frontman Gojo Hunter formed a group in Manhattan with friends from back home. Hunter attended the College of Charleston before heading to New York. The other band members are Reuben Long (drums), BJ Mac (bass), and Matthew Sellers (vocals), who all

work as wild pack striving to entertain the crowd.

While at a Walona concert, one may hear covers from groups such as 311 and Kid Rock. But Walona is not just a cover band, their concerts include originals such as "Simple Ways" and "Power over Money" which can be found on their CD "Damned Sexy."

If you're looking for something to do this Friday night, check Walona out at Alley Cats on 8th Ave. North. They'll be there from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Following is a list of tour dates through the end of March.

Feb. 15- Alley Cats (8th Ave. North) 10PM-2AM

Mar. 1- Macatz (Hwy 17 Bypass, North Myrtle Beach) 11PM-3AM

Mar. 2- Recovery Room (near Conway Hospital) 9PM-1AM

Mar. 15- Legacies (Sumter) 10PM-2AM

Mar. 30- Recovery Room (near Conway Hospital) 9PM-1AM



GAMMA PHI BETA SPRING RECRUITMENT 2002



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Step show diverse, fun

By Rebecca Parker
editor in chief

Wheelwright Auditorium was packed to capacity last Friday with students to see their fellow classmates perform for the annual Homecoming step/talent show.

The evening began with co-hosts Ebony Gerald and Mike Isaac greeting the crowd and throwing some Mardi Gras beads. It really helped get the crowd into a celebratory mood. It didn't take long for everyone to get at least one necklace, so by the third time they asked, "Do you guys want some more beads?" the audience replied with a collective, emphatic, "No!" However, we were still pelted, which was fine, I guess. I mean, I always need something to hang from my rearview mirror. Despite the surplus of beads, the co-hosts did a great job and showed a lot of support, encouragement and respect to all of the performers.

After the mandatory Greek roll call, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., last year's winner, dazzled the crowd with their step performance. Their rhythmic routine was hands down the most creative, intricate and entertaining performance of the night. They didn't need to have long vocal or musical interludes because they focused on their awesome choreography the entire time. Zeta definitely started the show out on the right foot.

The next Greek society to step was Phi Beta Sigma. Even though there were only two of them, they did a fun and brave routine. I don't think I'd have the guts to get up in front of a standing-room only crowd and do something so difficult with only one person to back me up. Kudos to them.

Alpha Kappa Alpha did a somewhat underwhelming routine. Their voices didn't quite carry to the back of the auditorium, but I don't think I needed to hear them to understand the chair grinding and belly dancing. When they were actually stepping, it was good, but unfortunately they spent most of their time doing things that I could have stayed home and watched on MTV.

It was a jailbird's last wish to see Kappa Alpha Psi step, and step they did. Using black light, the masked inductees saluted the crowd and repeated their pledge. It was a little long, but their unique cane-tapping routine was worth the wait. The mix of twirling sticks, foot-stomping and body-slammings rhythm was exciting to watch, but none of that compared to their hilarious grand finale when they sprayed whipped cream on folding chairs and didn't hesitate to shove their

faces right into it. Maybe their steps weren't quite as polished as Zeta Phi Beta, but their ingenuity and enthusiasm earned them the title of best step routine.

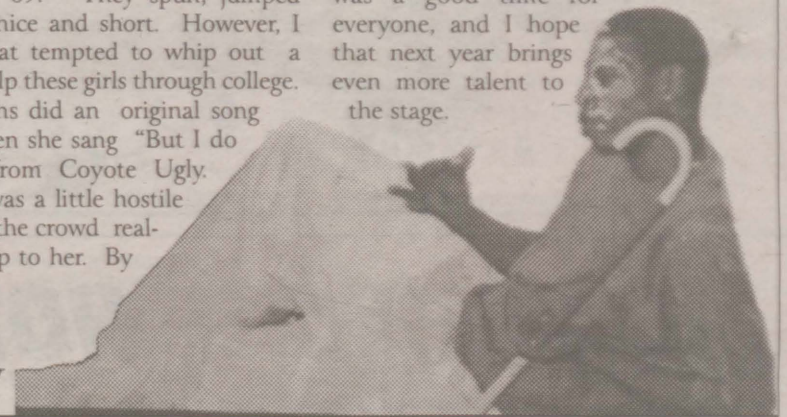
Delta Sigma Theta had a lot to live up to, but their shorter performance was nothing to scoff at. Like Zeta, they spent the majority of their routine stepping, and they were great because they were obviously enjoying their time on stage as much as we were.

The talent portion of the show was kicked off by two Kappa Alpha Psi members singing a favorite song from the mid-90's, a cappella nonetheless. They rocked, and since we all knew the song, it was like semi-karaoke performance. The eventual third place winners went next and did an interpretative dance to "Summer of 69." They spun, jumped and kept it nice and short. However, I was somewhat tempted to whip out a dollar and help these girls through college. Caitlin Collins did an original song next, and then she sang "But I do love you" from Coyote Ugly. The crowd was a little hostile at first, but the crowd really warmed up to her. By

the end of her performance the auditorium was dotted with waving lighters and glowing cell phones. She even received a standing ovation and second place. Brian Nunez, the first place winner, did a bongo and steel drum performance that echoed his Puerto Rican ethnicity. With strobe lights, black lights and glow tape shining, it was a energetic, powerful show.

After the step/talent show was over, the Homecoming Court was announced. Darrin Grassi and Lindsay Yarger were crowned Prince and Princess, and Boris Menier and Candice Mickel were crowned King and Queen.

The step show, all in all, was a lot of fun and a great showcase of the hidden talents of ordinary Coastal students. It was a good time for everyone, and I hope that next year brings even more talent to the stage.



After shoving his face into whip cream, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi poses at the end of his performance.
photo by Jenn Mosquera/photo editor

Saturday series at HOB

By Nicole Service
assistant editor

Some say that the best things in life are free, and the House of Blues has certainly been adhering to this old cliché. On any given Saturday night, a show worthy of attendance is held in the porch bar. It is an opportunity for people to catch a good band, have a drink and hang out with your friends without being charged your life savings for admittance.

On February 2, the Spartanburg based band Dezeray's Hammer started playing at 11 p.m. and managed to spark life into an initially indifferent crowd. The band was last in Myrtle Beach in September when they opened for Stroke 9, and that performance began a local fanbase that expanded further after their most recent performance.

Lead singer Aaron Whisnant, who was wearing a beanie to cover up "sleephead" from traveling for 20 hours, describes their sound as purely rock and roll.

"Music is so diverse nowadays that it's hard to put into categories," Whisnant said. "We just play what we like to play and hope that other people like it, too."

And it seems like, as word of the bad spreads, more and more people are drawn to their catchy melodies and truthful lyrics that anyone with a modicum of life experience can sympathize with. Hooks such as "What I think and I say, it doesn't really matter," "You don't notice anymore," and my personal favorite, "If you don't know what you want, could you please leave me alone," to describe the ups and downs of relationships strike a chord in each individual, and it's easy to say, "Yeah, I know what they're talking about."

As always, the big test for a band is what they sound like live. Crappy live=crappy band. Dezeray's Hammer passed the test with flying colors. In fact, even though I only knew a couple of refrains going into the show, I was still able to sing along and actually understand the words through the pounding drums driven by the guitars and bass undercurrent.

Melanie McGee of the "Mountain Express" in Asheville describes their sound as "So radio-ready you can practically hear static in lead singer Aaron Whisnant's sinewy crooning. Dezeray's Hammer certainly knows its way around a hook."

I'm in complete agreement. Their songs are so good that they have the possibility of becoming as

overplayed as "Drops of Jupiter" with the annoyance factor eliminated. I recommend picking up their CD and going out to see them the next time they're in Myrtle Beach because they are without a doubt one of the best bands I've seen play live, and I've seen everything from NSYNC to System of a Down, so feel free to trust me on that one. Once you hear them, you'll be hooked.

From the world of pop/rock, travel with me to last Saturday and enter the world of Bob Marley. To celebrate the late artist's birthday, HOB held a reggae festival in his honor.

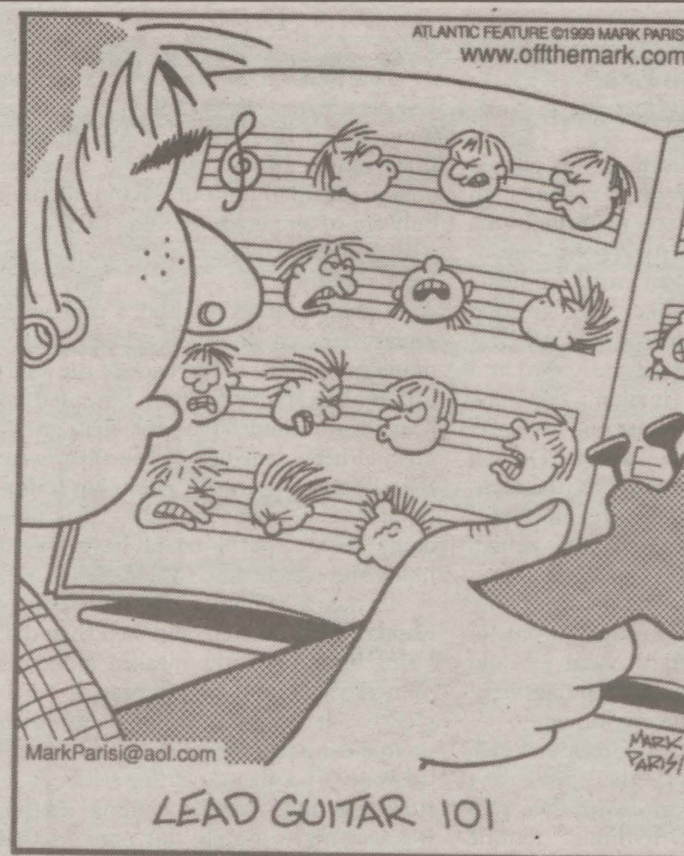
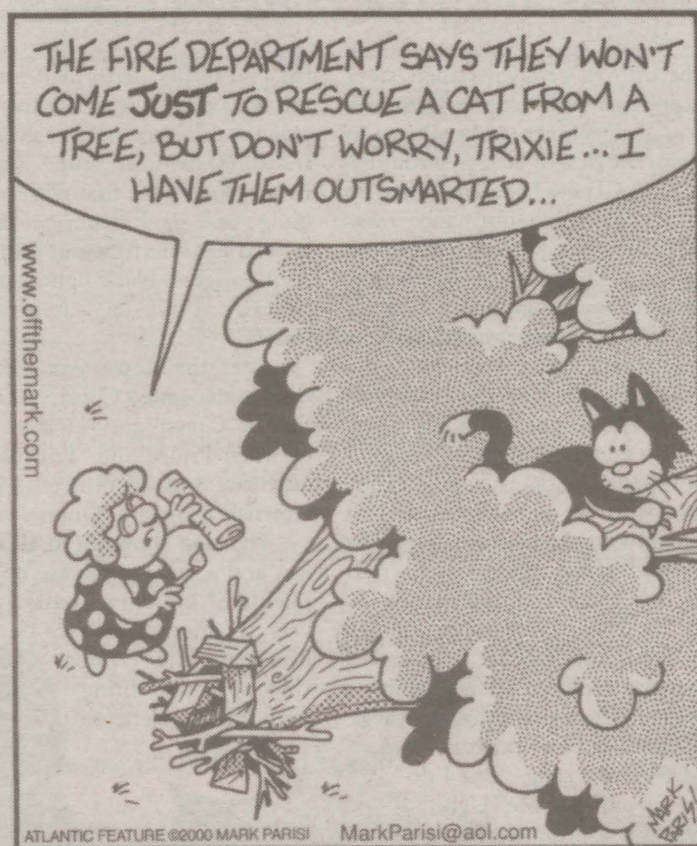
Ras Bonghi, a reggae band from Columbia, S.C., headlined the festivities. Their repertoire consisted of some Marley favorites, but they mostly played some of his lesser known songs. They also mixed in some famous island beats that made everyone in the bar stand up, dance and sing along.

The only disappointment was the lack of hippies. I wonder where they are.

On February 23, Blueground Undergrass, a local favorite, will be playing for the Saturday Night Concert Series. I always have a good time, so head up to North Myrtle to expose yourself to a new breed of live shows.

off the Mark

by Mark Parisi



HOROSCOPES

BY: ASTROLOGY GURU

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 17): If it seems like more people than usual have been depending on you lately, you're not imagining things. Your friends are leaning on you more than is probably necessary, but being as selfless as you are, you don't want to say anything. If you feel like you need a quick escape, if only just for a night, don't feel guilty taking it.

Pisces (Feb. 18-March 19): Dragging. That's the only way to describe what you're doing right now. Classes, your job, homework, activities, even going out and having fun are bogging you down. However, since it's not going to get easier in the near future, maybe it's your attitude and not your schedule that needs to be revamped.

Aries (March 20-April 19): Everything seems to be falling into place right now, and that's great, but remember to be cautious. There's trouble that can't be foreseen lurking around the corner, but you have to keep your eyes wide open. If you're one of the unfortunate few who is having a rough time, sorry to say, but the same goes for you. Don't let a new problem sneak up and bite you in the...

Taurus (April 20-May 19): If you feel like you're falling behind already, there's a good reason for that. You are. Parties, drinking, clubs and bars are fun, but the fun stops when you can't make the grades. On the opposite end of the Taurus spectrum, if you are being an uncharacteristic workaholic, ease up a little.

Gemini (May 20-June 20): When it rains, it pours, and that's what's happening as far as relationships go for you right now. You went through a love dry spell, but now all the admirers are crawling out of the woodwork. Beware of the one that seems too good to be true, forget about the one you know is bad, and go for that special someone who is the happy medium.

Cancer (June 21-July 21): You've been your regular self lately except for with one person. You may think that what you're doing isn't hurting him or her, but deep down inside you know that it is. Before you cause irreparable damage to a relationship that is more important to you than you'll admit to anybody, talk to your friend or significant other and try to mend the wound before it's too late.

Leo (July 22-Aug. 22): Sometimes it's okay to be a little self-centered, but you are taking it to a whole new level. If things seem bad for you, you're not seeing the whole picture. That little quarrel with your friend or the confusion you're feeling about relationships is nothing compared to what your friends are enduring, and unless you want to lose them all, you'll start to realize that.

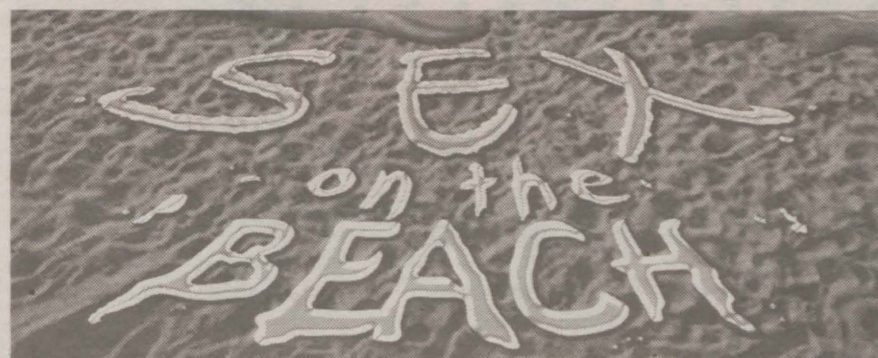
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 21): You're busy right now, but it finally seems like your organization is starting to pay off. Now it's time to work on the social aspect of your life. You have someone in mind, but don't be afraid to talk to him or her and set the ball in motion. As soon as you say something, that other person will sit up straight and take notice.

Libra (Sept. 22-Oct. 22): Although your own little world is a nice place to visit, you can't stay there forever. The close-knit circle that you've built for yourself is dwindling, and unless you reach out and bring those people back, they're going to be gone for good. Unless loneliness is what you want for the rest of your life, you'll try to reincorporate certain people into your life.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Creativity is key right now in every aspect of your life. Whether you're trying to get started on a big project or trying to put a spark back into a familiar relationship, you need all the ideas you can get. It may seem difficult right now, but when that brilliant idea finally pops into your mind, be sure not to ignore it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You feel like you've been the butt of one too many jokes lately, and since that's how you feel, you need to do something about it. Either come up with a few witty zingers yourself or else throw yourself into a project that will prove everybody wrong.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you've been acting like a sloth lately, just lying around the house and complaining about how you're poor and bored, it's not like you can't do anything about that. Go out and get a job, take up a new sport, make some new friends; just add a new element to your life that will make it more enjoyable.



Dear Lollita,

I have this major problem. I just found out that an ex-bedmate of mine has tested positive for HIV. This worries me. I don't feel sick or anything, but I'm still worried. We were together a really long time ago. Is there a chance that I could have contracted the disease? What should I do?

-Scared

Dear Scared,

Get in your car and go to the doctor! NOW! Yes, there is still a chance. And no, it does not matter that you were together a long time ago or that you don't feel sick. Go get tested!

HIV is a tricky disease. It might not rear its ugly head for years after getting into your system. You can feel fine and then WHAM—you've got AIDS.

My advice to you is go to Student Health Services and talk to them. They can give you advice and tell you where to go and get tested. Remember, you can get tested for free, and the results are confidential. It will take a while to get your results back, so in the meantime stay away from all sexual activity. Do not partake!

Also, while you're waiting, you might want to talk to someone. A close friend is always good to confide in. They might be able to take your mind off of it or at least comfort you.

So in conclusion, I'm going to say it again.....GOT GET TESTED!

Dear Lollita,

Please help me! Valentine's Day is coming up, and I'm feeling rather lonely. Every year around this time, I hook up with random guys. People that I normally wouldn't even consider sleeping with suddenly look like tasty

pieces of yummy man pie. I don't want to do it again, this year, I don't want a boyfriend, but I don't want to be sitting at home on Valentine's Day with a gallon of ice cream, a case of Bud Lite, and "Waiting to Exhale." Help me!

-February Slut

Dear February Slut,

First of all, I think it's great that you realize that hooking up with random guys is a problem. Not only is it physically unhealthy and unsafe, but it can take a mental and emotional toll as well.

This may sound corny in this day and age, but my mother used to tell me, "Every time you sleep with a man, you give away a little part of yourself." I think that advice is fitting for your situation. You have to decide which is more important: leaving that loneliness hole gaping wide open for one night or giving yourself a more permanent void.

This kind of advice is a little out of my realm of expertise, but I'm going to do the best I can to steer you in the right direction. If you feel like you have to sleep with near perfect strangers, you definitely have some self-esteem issues that you need to deal with. Your worth does not depend on who you are with.

It's also important to keep in mind that there are lots of single people, even on Valentine's Day. You don't have to sit around and mope just because you're feeling left out of this Hallmark Holiday.

If worse comes to worse, send yourself something to cheer up. No one will be any the wiser.

Just remember that one random hookup is not worth the potentially serious consequences. The fat content of that gallon of ice cream is far less dangerous.

Got Issues....



Kayatta Scott

Dear Kayatta,

I hope your Valentine's Day is going much better than mine. Where can I start? I made plans for Valentine's Day with a guy friend of mine. Neither one of us had dates or companions so we decided to just make a date with each other. Well, needless to say, the date is off. Here is the situation: He likes a girl who has a boyfriend. Not only does she have a boyfriend, but she continues to toy with his affection. He is suckered in by her spell and BAM! Well this is only the 33rd time this has happened. She broke up with her boyfriend and has my friend under her spell until after Valentine's Day. Please help me get the voodoo off my guy friend and continue with my plans for Valentine's Day!

Not Ms. Cleo, Sophomore,
Education

Dear Not Ms. Cleo,

Well let's first get one thing straight. I'm not Ms. Cleo either, and I sure don't know voodoo...although I have visited New Orleans and could give you some directions tonevermind. Back to your problem.

Girl, you have a tough one on your hands. You like your guy friend (let's call him Dick—like in Dick's Last Resort) and obviously Dick has some connection to (lets call her Candy—in honor of the candy I'm wishing I had right now). Although Candy is a slime ball for leading Dick on, he is the one that falls for the trick each time. I wish I could tell how to make him wake up and smell the burnt toast, but I can't. He has to come to the realization on his own that she is using him, and he is worth more than that. Even though Alicia Keys didn't talk about a man's worth in her song, they have a heart and soul too. All you can do is be a friend to him. You can slightly hint to him what you think, but unless he is one of my friends and used to hearing the absolute butt truth, you might complicate your relationship with him and push him away. I am sorry about your date for Valentine's Day, but girl, I will light a candle and put it in the window for you. Hold it down.

Dear Kayatta,

Please hear me out before you judge this letter. I want to break up with my girlfriend. Not tomorrow, not next week (after

Valentine's Day), but TODAY. I can't take it anymore. In the beginning, she was one of those girls that was happy with herself and joyous around others. Since the beginning of the year, she has successfully been fired from her job (I think it was on purpose), skipped class more than 4 times since the beginning of the semester, and has turned into a total slob (did I mention that we live together). Phew! She is literally making me sick. Here is the punch line: I haven't said anything to her about it. I woke up last night, to write this letter and decided that I do not want to be in the relationship anymore. I cannot take it. Her moods and negativity are affecting me. Here is the other punch line: It is Valentine's Day in a few days. It sucks that it is so close to "Cupid/Love Day," and I can't stand to look at my girlfriend. Please help ASAP!

Nervous Breakdown Senior,
Management/Finance

Dear Nervous Breakdown,

I read the entire letter twice. I had to get a hold of the situation at hand. First of all, you stated your own problem to me. You have not had the sense or the gall to sit down and tell your "girlfriend" how you feel. I know that in some bars around the country they speak of a man being "a man" and not showing or acting on his real feelings. However, this is me your talking to and I am here to tell you....this is the year 2002. You live with someone, sleep with someone, eat with someone, and you can't ask her why the sudden change in her lifestyle?

You are prepared to throw in the towel and not even know who won the fight! Maybe she is going through some changes such as personal changes, family problems, work problems (obviously), school, etc. Did you ever think that you could also be one of her issues. Yes, you! Before you even think about writing me another letter, check yourself and your girl.

My advice: talk to your girl, tell her your sentiments, and listen to what she has to say before you cut ties. I am not even answering the rest of the letter until you talk with her. Geez, holla back at me when you overcome your issues. Maybe this letter should have been about you and your poor communication skills. You think!

Lollita is not a licensed doctor or psychiatrist. She is just a single, hot, funny and knowledgeable girl that gives advice for free. So if you have a serious problem go see a doctor.

To reach Lollita letters may be dropped off in The Chanticleer box in the Student Activities office or in the drop box outside The Chanticleer office located in room 203 of the Student Center. You can also email Lollita at chanticleer@coastal.edu.

Happy Valentine's Day to all! I hope everyone is enjoying this year so far. Remember, I am not licensed to give this advice. It comes from the heart and my own 23 years of experience. Be good and enjoy the rest of 2002...until the next issue. Feel free to send me an email at workme4real@yahoo.com with your questions, comments, or suggestions!

Sexual Responsibility...

more than just safe sex

With Valentine's Day here once again, many college students are thinking about romance, love, sex...

And the sometimes negative consequences of sexual intercourse are put on the back burner.

However, if you choose to have sex today, tomorrow, next week or anytime in the near or distant future (basically, if you're ever going to have sex), there is information that you need to know in order to stay healthy and happy.

This is Sexual Responsibility Week here at Coastal. Because of this event, Kris Cudney, the head registered nurse at Student Health Services, took a few minutes out of her busy schedule to inform students of the facts and myths behind STDs, pregnancy and generally being responsible for your own health and safety when it comes to sex.

Sexually transmitted diseases are always a concern when beginning a new, sexual relationship. It is important to feel comfortable enough with your partner to ask if they are or could possibly be suffering from any STDs. If it is indeed a possibility, they should be tested.

There is a lot of media buzz concerning herpes. Approximately 45 million individuals are infected with herpes in the U.S. alone, and one million new cases occur each year. There is no cure for genital herpes, but it can be treated and controlled.

Although there is a vast amount of literature readily available about HIV, AIDS and how to prevent it, the number of reported cases is still growing. It is estimated that about 1 million people in the U.S. are living with AIDS, and it is most likely that nearly one-third of infected Americans have not been tested and are unaware of their status.

"That is a very scary statistic, especially if you break it down in terms of Coastal," Cudney said. "That means that there are prob-

ably about 12 CCU students infected with AIDS, and four of them probably don't even know it."

There are a couple of STDs that are dangerous, prevalent and for the most part, neglected. Syphilis is considered an old disease that isn't a problem these days, but this deadly disease is making a resurgence. In fact, there is a surprising number of cases in Myrtle Beach area high schools.

Hepatitis B and C are also very serious problems, especially in this age group. Now most children are immunized for Hepatitis B in school, but Hepatitis C doesn't have an immunization. It is a devastating disease and is the most common reason for liver transplants in the U.S. It is most often spread sexually, but as Kris said, it is important to be especially careful when it comes to this illness.

"Hepatitis C can be spread by roommates sharing things like toothbrushes, which doesn't happen often, and razors, which does, especially with girls," Cudney said. "It is transmitted that easily, and there is no cure."

The most common STD on college campuses is one that many college students don't even think about. Human papillomavirus is spreading through the country like wildfire. It is a conservative estimate that, out of the 86% of college students that are sexually active, 50% of them have HPV.

If you feel like you need to be tested for an STD, you can go to the nurse first. Sometimes they can take care of you there, and sometimes they will send a student to the Health Department to get tested for free.

"Whatever the case, it is better to get tested than to worry about it," Cudney said.

Many students have questions concerning the best and proper forms of contraception after they have decided to have sex. It is important to wear a condom every time you have sex.

"Any good, quality brand condom from the drugstore or from Student Health Services will work," Cudney said. "Only two out of every 100 condoms actually break. Whatever you do, do not use spermicidal cream without a condom because that is not an effective form of birth control."

If you do have intercourse without using a condom and are afraid of becoming pregnant, the morning-after pill is available. The morning-after pill is not the abortion pill commonly known as RU-486.

"If a woman is already pregnant, the morning-after pill will not induce an abortion," Cudney, who was a part of the first stages of the research for the pill, said. "What it does is stop the fertilization of the egg and temporarily changes the lining of the uterus, making the fallopian tubes, where eggs are normally fertilized, an unhappy place for fertilization. However, if you are pregnant already, there have been cases of normal, healthy babies born after a woman has taken the pill."

If you are worried that you might get pregnant, you should get to the nurse within 72 hours because it can take a few days for the egg to actually become fertilized.

"Don't sit around and hem and haw and worry about it," Cudney said. "We also have students educated in peer health education who can talk to you and inform you about contemporary health issues. You're not going to come in here and say something that we haven't heard before. We won't find anything shocking, strange, funny or weird."

Nowadays, college students have to think of sex in terms of the life changing consequences that are extremely possible. Remember, if you stay informed and responsible, you can successfully avoid diseases and unwanted pregnancies that could ruin your college experience.

By Nicole Service/ assistant editor

Opinions

FROM THE OFFICE OF SGA

I hope everybody had a memorable Homecoming experience. I would first like to congratulate the men's basketball team for their domination over High Point (98-76) in our Homecoming game. Derrick Robinson's career-high 21 unanswered points, and Alvin Green and Justin Burton's career-high of 10 and nine assists helped the Chants defeat High Point. Secondly, I would like to congratulate the 2001-2002 Homecoming Court. I was happy to see the student body get involved and embrace the event. A special congratulations to Boris Meiner, Candice Mickle, Dan Grassi and Lindsay Yager for winning King, Queen, Prince and Princess respectively. I



Brian Nunez
SGA President

feel the week-long events were positive for Coastal's student body.

Thank you to all the students, student leaders and Student Activities for making Homecoming eventful and exciting.

I am excited about Coastal's future football team. The addition of the football team will bring a more traditional Homecoming atmosphere to our campus life. I encourage the student body to support our fellow athletes. The

Student Government Association is providing a bus on Sat., February 16 for the men's last road game against UNC-Asheville. Please sign up by February 14 in the Student Activities Office or call 349-2301.

I SEE HOW IT IS...

I'm tired of people being mean.

It seems like people are getting uglier and uglier to members of the service industry. I saw a man yell at a cashier because he had to stand in line for two minutes longer than he thought he should have. I saw a woman refuse to pay for her meal because the waitress forgot to put her dressing on the side. A friend of mine who is a receptionist told me that she got yelled at for ten minutes because the person that a man wanted to talk to was on the other line with a more important call.

Like that man was physically harmed because he had to wait a little longer than he'd anticipated. Like that woman wasn't just going to dump the dressing all over her salad anyway. Like the receptionist had any control over when her boss ended his other phone call.

Granted that sometimes you come across people who are unwilling to help you when you are polite, but for the most part, people who work in the service industry are just trying to do their jobs. I think that people sometimes forget how hard it is to do that kind of work. They forget what it's like to stand for ten hours straight, or to smile and be courteous to rude customers, or even to simply earn money doing honest work that some people consider degrading.

I'm just trying to say this: be nice. One horrible customer will ruin someone's entire day. Don't be that guy. Be the one who makes someone forget about that guy.

Nicole Service/ assistant editor

Be heard.

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WHY I SHOULD BE ON "THE REAL WORLD"

What the hell does MTV stand for anyway? Didn't it used to mean Music Television? Its funny to me that Music Television has pretty much no music what-so-ever.

Here is an analogy for the younger, Britney Spears worshipping crowd that may have not witnessed the transformation firsthand. Imagine, if you will, if the Food Network just started showing people riding camels all day, everyday. Do you see the irony? MTV should be called the Network To Watch When You Have Pretty Much Given Up On Your Own Life And Wish To Live Vicariously Through Others station, but I guess the title, although fitting, would be too verbose of a name.

The bastard child of the 1980s has evolved into such a strange mutant hybrid of its original intent that they had to create a new monster, MTV2, where they actually show videos. My my, what an original idea. Unfortunately, those of us without the blessing of digital cable are left with the now-deformed prototype. We are subjected to such torturous programs as Fear, Road Rules, Flipped and other reality programming that make us weepy and nostalgic for the days of Mr. Tom Green and his dead moose.

The genesis of these reality shows is of course The Real World, where ordinary slackers can watch other ordinary slackers deal with mind-numbingly trivial issues. This program by itself wasn't that bad, but greatness spawns imitation, and the MTV reality shows multiplied faster than gremlins in a water park.

Like a box of dull pencils, I'm sure by now you're searching for a point. Well, here it is. If I can't beat The Real World, I wish to join it. That's right, I want to be a part of the monster, but don't misunderstand.

I'm doing it for your benefit. I plan to make the show exciting again, something it hasn't been since our friend Puck terrorized the yuppies of Real World 3: San Francisco.

I have what I like to call the Three Stages of Noah, which I plan to unleash upon the unsuspecting roomies starting on day one. The ultimate goal is either getting removed from the house or getting someone else removed due to my actions, thus giving MTV their ratings, and giving me my well deserved 15 minutes of fame. The three facets of my plan are as follows:

Phase 1-The Backstabber Phase. This stage is fairly simple, and requires nothing more than charisma and the ability to spew lies without flinching. Basically, it's a lot like being a politician.

For the purposes of explaining my position in detail, let's imagine we have roommate A, who we will call Suzy, and roommate B who we will call Steve. Now, knowing MTV, both of these roommates must have some sort of gimmick, or quality that makes them interesting. So, let's pretend Suzy is an illiterate, paint-huffing albino, and Steve is a one-legged tap dancer. Steve and Suzy and I are all watching T.V. Suzy leaves the room for a moment for a bathroom break, and I turn to Steve and say, "Ya know Steve, Suzy was telling me how much she hates people with one leg. She even told me we should put you all on an iceberg and float it out to sea."

Steve leaves the room angry and needing to vent his frustrations alone. Suzy returns, and I inform her that Steve was just ranting about how he hates albinos and thinks they are freaks of nature. In fact, I whisper, "Steve said he was going to throw out all of your paint."

Phase 2-The Jerk Phase. Enter Steve, with a bag of gro-

ceries. Steve informs me that he is homesick, and nothing reminds him of home quite like a peanut butter sandwich. As soon as Steve exits the room, I'm elbow deep in Jiff, shoving it into my mouth until I'm nauseous. As I finish off the second jar, it occurs to me that I don't even like peanut butter.

That's a rather trivial point now though, as Steve returns five minutes later to find me wearing half a jar on my face. "Who ate my peanut butter?" he asks me. I pry my mouth open, and between peanut scented burps, I say, "Oh, was that yours?"

Phase 3-The Insane Phase. It's an all out war now. The roommates have figured out I was playing the political peanut butter puppet-master, and they are fed-up. In my defense, I will plead insanity and begin a campaign of bizarre actions. Perhaps I'll begin by walking around the house wearing nothing but an eyepatch, screaming obscenities with an Irish accent. Then, Steve finds a dead fish in his cereal box, and the constant parade of foreigners, homeless people and circus folk begins to make Suzy a little nervous.

This all leads up to my final day in the house, before they boot me. It starts with me crying about the fact that I'm actually a muppet, and climaxes as Suzy awakens to find me sharpening a knife at the end of her bed. The Real World's ratings sky-rocket, Americans are once again entertained and I become a national celebrity. There are no losers in this situation.

Perhaps some day, when I find a bit of immortality as Mr. Trebek reads my name for the Daily Double, I'll even remember all you little people who helped me get there.

Noah Byrne
staff writer

New sport, new coach, new players

By Emerson Dyer
staff writer

A new sport has been added to the lineup here at Coastal. It's called football. Ever heard of it? It's one of those contact sports. You know the one I'm talking about. It's on television every once in a while.

Well, for those of you who live in a box, to have a football program, you have to have a coach, players and a stadium...and maybe some balls, jerseys and water bottles, but I guess they could do without the water bottles for now. We'll just concentrate on the essentials.

As of February 6, CCU's football team has some players. And the stadium is underway. And, oh yeah, we have a coach now, too. His name is David Bennet, and I had a chance to sit down talk with him. Here's how it went.

Emerson: How long have you been coaching?

Coach Bennett: This will be I believe 19 years

E: And what made you choose

Coastal?

B: I'm from South Carolina, about an hour and a half from here in Cheraw. I know the tradition of high school football in South Carolina. I saw the commitment from Dr. Ingle, from the Board of Trustees, Sally Horner, Coach Koegel and the people here that wanted to do a football program and do it right in a first class way and not just start a program to have have one. And what I hope football (at Coastal) will do is bring a lot of unity to the community, to the campus, a lot of school spirit and also help all sports here at Coastal Carolina University. When I met with the other head coaches, and to see how well they've done here with other sports, it's just a great fit to come and build one from the ground up.

E: What are you looking for in recruits?

B: Well, I'm looking for student athletes. Number one, people we feel can do it in the classroom. People that can make a contribution, not only on the field, but in the community. We feel

like we've got some special young men coming, and we're going to continue to try to bring more.

E: What does your schedule look like next year as far as practices and scrimmages and recruiting?

B: What we plan to do is practice Monday through Thursday and then scrimmage on either Friday or Saturday. We'll mostly scrimmage on Friday. The Carolina Forest (High School) coach, Doc Davis, has already talked with me, and we're probably going to go over there and scrimmage the night Conway and Carolina Forest play each other... just something neat to have our kids do. And we're

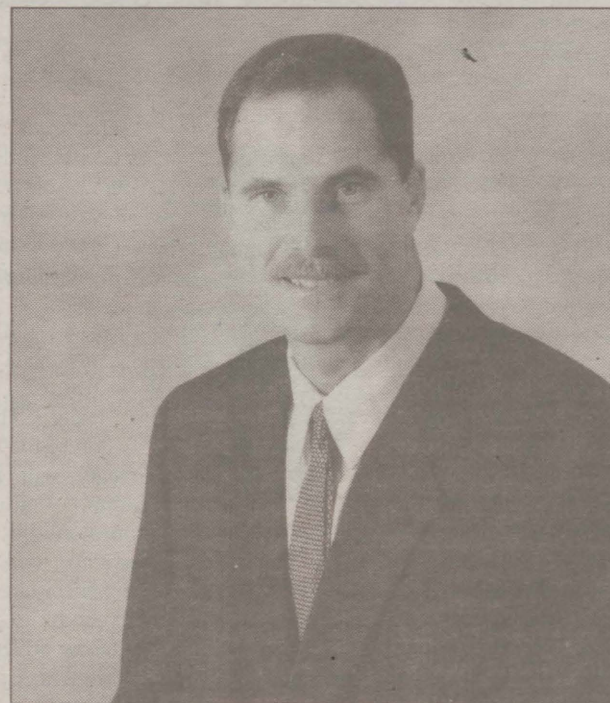


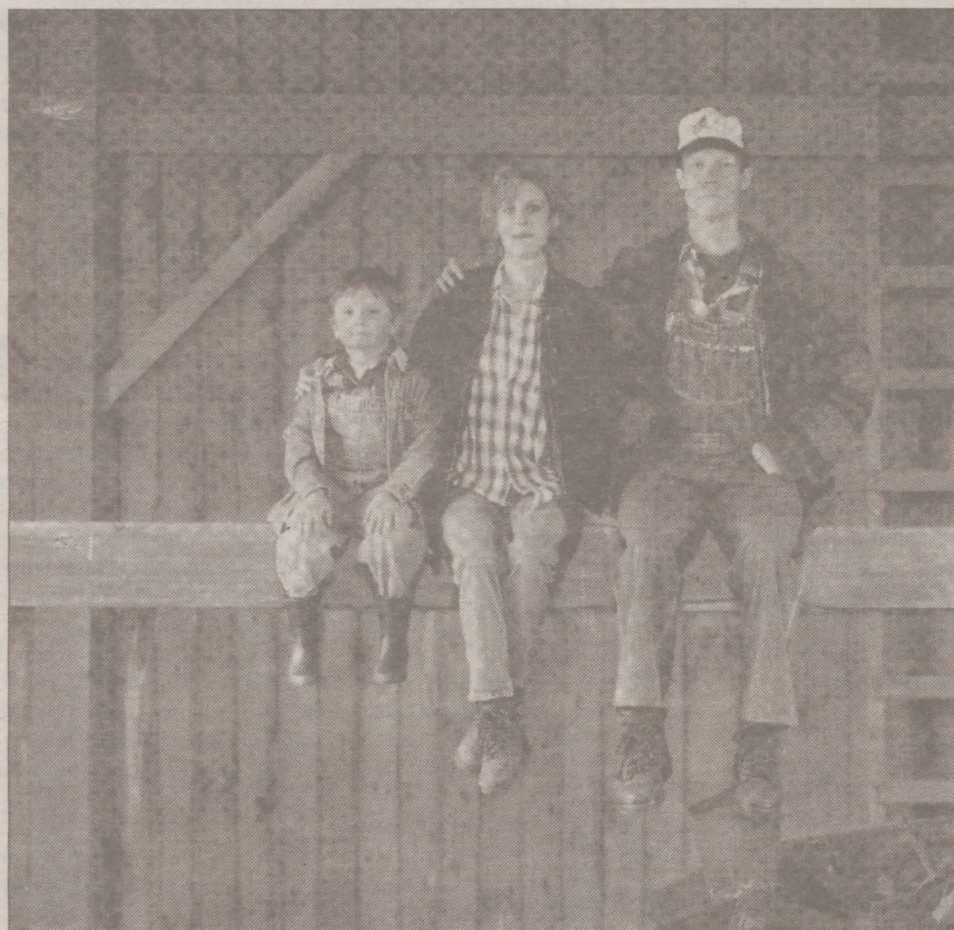
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going to try and find a couple of Saturdays when South Carolina and Clemson are playing away and scrimmage those Saturday mornings. But normally we'll scrimmage on Friday afternoon. And if any of the students would like to come out and watch a football scrimmage, we'd love to have them come out. And if there are any players here that played in high school that would be interested in playing, we'd love to have them come out, too.

E: Anything else you would like the student body to know about Coastal football?

B: That we're all in this together and I think that the more support that the student body gives them the program will be that much more exciting. And I can't think of a better thing to do on a Saturday than to just get out of your dorm room and come tailgate a little bit and have some fried chicken and sandwiches and watch a ball game.


And there you have it. We have the three bare necessities (well, maybe there's more than three, but for our purposes, that's it). This new Coastal sport is right around the corner, so for those of you who are football fans, you'll soon have a new team to cheer for.



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PONTIAC-GMC 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IS HERE!

The Pontiac-GMC 3-ON-3 Basketball Tournament is coming to a close, with only Charleston Southern, Coastal Carolina and Birmingham-Southern still to host their tournaments. The winners from the student division in each market will advance to Roanoke, Va. to compete against each other at the Big South Basketball Championships. Overall winners will earn the right to go to a college football bowl game. Be sure to check around campus for the chance to compete for great prizes!

PHILLIPS 66 TRIVIA QUIZ

The Phillips 66 Trivia Quiz is back for another year. This week's question is: Elon is currently a perfect 6-0 in Conference action. Who was the last Big South women's basketball team to finish the regular season with a perfect record in League play? Go to BigSouthSports.com to answer the question and have your name entered into the weekly prize drawing!

THE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GIVEAWAY HAS ARRIVED

The Basketball Championship Giveaway is underway at a retailer near you. Register at participating locations of Advance Auto Parts, Kroger, Hardee's, Phillips 66 and O'Charley's Restaurants in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. There are different prize packages, which all together total over \$7,000! For more information, please visit the Big South's Championship Giveaway webpage at BigSouthSports.com.

WINTHROP TABS HEINZ AS FIRST WOMEN'S SOCCER COACH

Winthrop has hired Melissa Heinz from Birmingham-Southern College as the first head coach for the Winthrop women's soccer program that will begin play during the 2003 fall season. She begins her new head coaching duties on Feb. 1. Heinz served as an assistant coach at Birmingham-Southern during the 2001 season after four years as a head coach on the collegiate level. She spent the 2000 season as head coach at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Ala., and served three years at the helm of the William Carey College program in Gulfport, Miss., after a two-year stint as the team's assistant coach.

SNAPPED STREAKS

Winthrop men's basketball saw its home Big South Conference winning streak stopped at 23 straight games by Charleston Southern in a 66-63 overtime loss on Jan. 24. The Eagles had the second longest streak in the nation going at the time behind Utah. UNCA also has a winning streak snapped. The Bulldogs' seven-game winning streak came to an end with an 88-78 loss at Coastal Carolina. The Bulldogs then lost their second straight with a 73-66 loss at home to Winthrop. The loss snapped a five-game UNCA home winning streak.

TURNING IT AROUND

Coastal Carolina seems to have gotten on track with a three-game winning streak. The three-game winning streak is the longest for the Chants since a four-game stretch during the 1999-2000 season. Part of the turnaround is based on free throw shooting. After connecting on just 63.4 percent (137-216) from the free throw line in the first 10 games, Coastal has hit 170-of-222 from the charity stripe for a success percentage of 76.6 in its last eight outings.

NO PERFECT SEASON THIS YEAR-

Elon, the last team to be undefeated in Conference play, lost its bid for a perfect League mark in women's basketball. The Phoenix fell to 6-1 in the Big South with a one-point loss to rival High Point.

THE DYNAMIC DUO

Elon's backcourt is a force to be reckoned with. The dynamic duo of Holly Andrews and Jayme Chikos combined for 78 points, 23 assists and five steals last week. Andrews has scored 23 points or more in her last four outings. Chikos, who had 26 points, 18 assists, three steals and seven rebounds last week, is closing on Elon's career assist record as only a junior. She is just five shy of tying the record of 404.

MUCH NEEDED (COMEBACK) WIN

UNC Asheville women's basketball picked up its first victory of the season with a 71-61 Big South Conference win over Winthrop Saturday. UNCA trailed by 18 points in the first half before rallying for the victory. It was the second best comeback in school history. The Bulldogs scored a season-high 52 points in the second half to pull out the victory.

COASTAL CAROLINA TOPS SOFTBALL POLL

The Big South Conference recently released its annual preseason softball poll. Coastal Carolina University, the two-time defending Conference champion, was unanimously selected to repeat in 2002, garnering 12 first-place votes. Winthrop University, last year's runner-up, was picked second, and Radford University finished third in the voting, which is conducted by the League's head softball coaches and sports information directors. Elon University and Liberty University shared a tie of fourth place, while Charleston Southern University rounded out the poll in sixth place. UNC Asheville and High Point University do not compete in softball.

CHATICLEERS CHOSEN FIRST IN PRESEASON BASEBALL POLL

The Big South Conference recently released its preseason baseball poll for the 2002 season. Coastal Carolina, who won 42 games last year and just missed advancing to the NCAA Tournament Super Regionals, was chosen to finish first for the third time in the last four years. Winthrop, who also competed in last season's NCAA Regional finals, finished in second place in the voting. Liberty placed third and Elon was picked fourth. UNC Asheville was voted in fifth place and High Point was selected sixth. Charleston Southern and Radford rounded out the poll in seventh and eighth place, respectively.

MAKING THE MOVE

Birmingham-Southern College is making the transition from NAIA to NCAA Division I. The Panthers will become full members of the Big South Conference in the fall of 2003. They will be eligible for all League championships beginning that fall, with the exception of men's basketball. Due to NCAA regulations, Birmingham-Southern will have to wait for two years after gaining full Division I status before becoming eligible to receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. The Panther's men's basketball team will be eligible to compete in the 2006 Big South men's basketball tournament. Birmingham-Southern would be eligible to receive an at-large bid to the NCAA men's basketball Tournament in the 2003-04 season.

SAME ADDRESS, NEW LOOK, NEW FEATURES

Over the summer, the Big South formed a new partnership with College Sporting News to redesign and host the League's website. The result is a revamped BigSouthSports.com, with new features, including a Fan Poll, improved Email Newsletters and an Ask the Commissioner section where fans can find out the answers to their most burning questions. Most importantly, the site will be the ONLY place on the web to get ALL of the latest scores, statistics and standings for every Big South institution.

First class baseball in Myrtle Beach

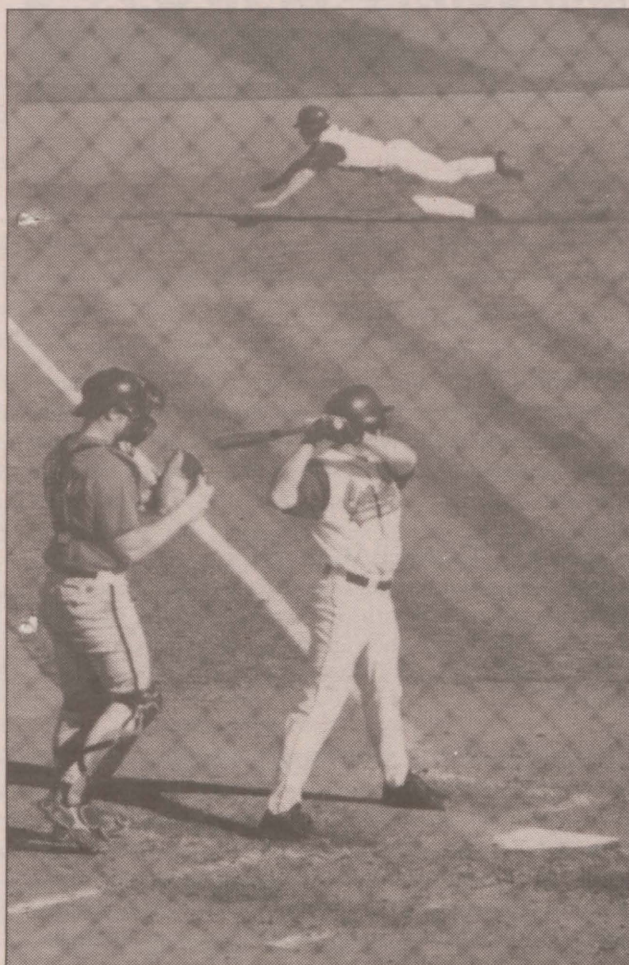


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In a big first inning against Campbell, a CCU player slides in an attempt to steal third base.

By Angela Rosati Barwick
for the Chanticleer

The crack of the bat and the cry of the umpire yelling "Play ball!" will soon be echoing in baseball fields at CCU and Coastal Federal Field, the home of the Myrtle Beach Pelicans. Coastal Carolina University began their regular season on February 8 and will also act as unofficial host for the Baseball at the Beach tournament.

Baseball at the Beach is a contest featuring high school and college teams from the Southeast. College

teams competing include Coastal Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia Tech and Virginia Commonwealth. The event will host 19 games over four days and will feature the tournament's first ever television coverage.

Coastal will play Georgia Tech on Feb. 22 at noon, Virginia Commonwealth on Feb. 23 at 4 p.m. and South Carolina on Feb. 24 at 3 p.m. The Coastal/South Carolina game will be broadcast on Comcast, and the games can be heard on the radio and on the Internet via the respective schools.

The competition will be fierce at both the high school and collegiate levels. The college teams are all powerhouse talent, and the contest is well worth watching. All four teams competed in the NCAA Tournament last season, and each team has won over 40 games.

Head Coach Gary Gilmore expressed hopes that CCU will receive a lot of support in this tournament and through the 2002 season. "We hope that faculty, students and members of the community will make a special effort to come out and support the team. How we respond as a school to this event will determine future events."

He also said that CCU should be proud to be the unofficial host of this tourney.

"It (the tournament) is one of the best there is. For years, our supporters were encouraging us to compete against bigger schools. Well, in this event, we will be playing the best of the best. As a smaller school, this is a David and Goliath situation, but we are up to the challenge. We just hope that the rest of the campus is as excited about this opportunity as the team."

He is confident that Coastal will hold its own and do well. The Chants will be returning to the diamond after a remarkable season last year, ending with a 42-20 record, and CCU will be starting play with many of the 2001 players returning. In a pre-season poll, the Chants were chosen to finish first in the Big South.

However, that position cannot simply be chosen. It must be earned.

"This is one of the best tournaments in the country," Gilmore said. "Three of the four teams have ranked in top conferences, and the third (VCU) should have with their record and talent."

Coastal players are eager at the prospect of competing in the tournament.

"We (the players) are really excited to be playing in a top tournament like this one," said Justin Owen, senior outfielder. "We just hope that a lot of our fellow students will come out and support us. It would be great to have a lot of CCU supporters in the stands. I know that these other teams will have a lot of their fans there. South Carolina always packs the stands."

The site of the tournament being at the home of the Pelicans should make the event even better. "The setting will help to attract the big teams to a great venue and a great stadium," Gilmore said. "The Pelicans have done a lot to bring baseball enthusiasm to the beach in an excellent manner. The management at the stadium has gone out of their way to ensure that this is a top rate event."

Coach Gilmore commented that the City of

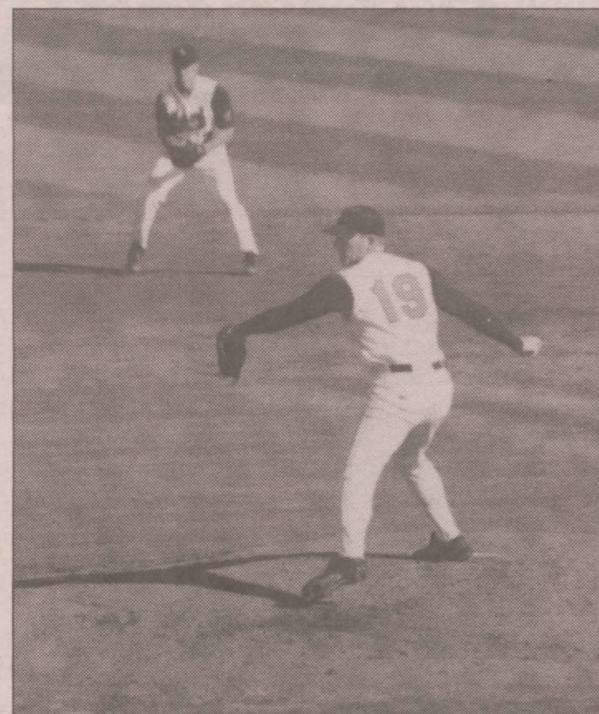


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Steven Carter pitches a winner in the home opener last Saturday.

Myrtle Beach has also gone out of their way to ensure that this tournament is the best one ever.

The tournament grew out of a dream that Bob Calliham, Jim Owens and Gilmore had years ago.

In a press release, Jim Owens said, "Myrtle Beach has been very kind to us, and our way of showing appreciation is by putting on a first class event, one that will benefit the city and help promote baseball in the area."

Owens also said, "We are very excited to have so many talented teams lined up. We have a fortunate situation here with location and weather that we are able to attract such fine teams. We have been drawing interest from around the Southeast."

Baseball at the Beach should be a great opportunity for CCU students to show their pride in their school along with members of the community, especially since Coastal is off to such a great start already this season. They traveled to Buies Creek, NC, on February 8 to play Big South rival Campbell. Although both teams struggled to score, CCU's Steve Pinnocchio finally scored in the sixth inning off a Camels error. In the top of the seventh, Adam Keim and Randy McGarvey shut down Campbell's Wes Hepler's no-hitter with back-to-back solo home runs. In the top of the eighth, Justin Owens scored on a triple by Chad Felty, and Brandon Powell sent Felty home on a sacrifice fly, making the final score 5-3. Justin Surge got the first win of the season.

The next afternoon, Campbell traveled to Conway for a rematch. This time, the Fighting Camels could not hold the Chants scoreless for even one inning; they scored 11 runs before Campbell even had a chance to bat. Led by infielders Owens and Keim, Coastal destroyed Campbell, 14-2. Steven Carter pitched the first six innings to pick up the win.

With a team like this, CCU has a great chance of taking home the trophy from the Baseball at the Beach Tournament at the end of the month.

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 Major: Business Management/Marketing

Player Profiles

by Justin Gardner
sports editor

Name: Whitney Shearer
 From: Albany, NY
 Year in School: Sophomore
 Major: Elementary Education

Getting to where he is now wasn't a smooth, easy road for Tony Darden to travel, but that just makes success that much more fulfilling.

Darden didn't come to Coastal as a recruited player, so his first step was to actually try out for the basketball team. He got a spot as a walk-on, and he was red-shirted his freshman year. Even though he didn't play, he proved his abilities through practice, commitment and perseverance.

And was rewarded by being named a scholarship athlete.

Then Darden had to prove himself again and let the skeptics know that he was the right player to award. His work ethic and leadership skills not only quieted the naysayers, it also earned him the respect of his coaches, professors and fellow teammates.

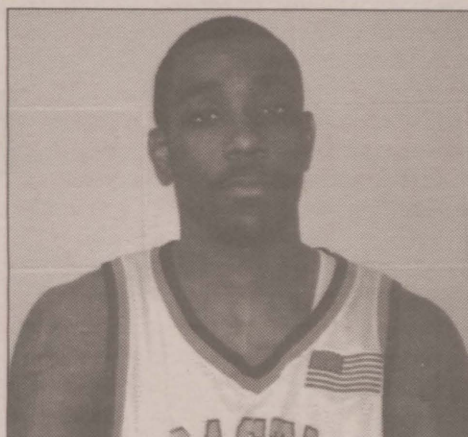
"He has worked very hard to get to where he is now, starting as a center for a strong conference team," Coach Pete Strickland said. "He is very tough minded, a very good shooter and a great student."

Darden's favorite basketball moment was when Michael Jordan hit a game winning shot against the Cleveland Cavaliers, so it's not surprising that he set his sights as high as the NBA.

"I want to keep improving my skills while I am at Coastal and hopefully play professionally somewhere," Darden said. "After that I would like to go to graduate school."

However, it is not a professional sports player who has had the biggest impact on his life or is even his personal role model.

"My father (is my role model) because he put so much effort in raising me, and he worked so much so that I could have an education."



As a child growing up on the court, Whitney Shearer was a huge basketball fan. After watching Kentucky play in the NCAA Tournament, she made the commitment to work hard at both school and the sport in order to make it to that same level of play someday.

CCU hasn't gone to the big show yet, but that doesn't mean that Shearer isn't having fun as she goes.

"My favorite basketball memory was last year in a game against Campbell. It came down to the last few seconds of the ball game and I hit the winning shot. The adrenaline was unbelievable."

But Shearer's goals aren't purely athletic. Academics are just as important to her, as well as what she can do in the future to make a difference in people's lives.

"At Coastal, I want to make the Dean's List and go to the NCAA Tournament. Beyond college, I would like to go somewhere to teach and help kids."

Her family has also had a big impact on her life and success.

"My parents have always been there for me and encouraged me in everything I have ever done. They are the people that have loved me through the good and the bad, and I owe them everything."

Coach LeForce is pleased with the way Shearer has grown as both a player and a person.

"She is a great person, a great student and a very good basketball player. She is a very unselfish player, so unselfish she passes up open shots. She is a very competitive lady. If my granddaughters were like Whitney Shearer, I would be very happy."

Women's team struggles in Big South play

By Nathan Rood
staff writer

In the last four games played by the Coastal's women's basketball team, the news was 25% good, 75% bad.

The good news was that the women's team out-shot the ladies of High Point with a percentage of 63 to 24 to win 74-65. The bad news was that was the only game the ladies out-shot or out-played a team as they fell to three other opponents. 48-35 to Charleston Southern, 52-40 to Birmingham Southern, and 60-50 to Elon.

In the game against CSU, Coastal began with a strong performance, going into the half leading 20-18. But the second half featured a completely different Coastal team. The offense seemed to be sleeping as they allowed eight steals resulting in a 13-2 run by the lady Buccaneers. That finished the Lady Chants off as they fell 48-35.

The Lady Chants tried to shake off that loss to get ready for Birmingham Southern. Though the two teams were equal in their shooting percentages, the defense of BSC was the key to the Chant's loss. A full-court press stunned the Chanticleers resulting in back-to-back turnovers. Even after Reddick put up five points to bring CCU back within three, the ladies still could not keep up with the pace of BSC. The Lady Chants lost 52-40.

Groundhog Day brought good luck for CCU fans as the Lady Chants gave the ladies of High Point University a lesson in shooting. CCU's Whitney Shearer put up back-to-back three-pointers to end a great 10-2 run, but the lady Panthers still fought back and took a 40-30 lead going into the half. However, in the second half, the Chants dominated the boards and out-shot High Point 63 to 24 percent. The game ended with a free-throw display as the Lady Chants buried 21-of-31 to clinch

a 74-65 victory.

That win wasn't extended to a streak. CCU next faced the first place Elon squad. Elon was pressured by the Lady Chants as both teams went into their locker rooms to a 29-28 Phoenix lead at the half. It even seemed that the Chanticleer's still had some skills to show off as Shearer put the Chants on top with a three-pointer, but that was the last time CCU would see the lead. Elon came back with an 18-4 run to take a commanding lead. Elon's quick defense wore out the lady Chant's, and at the final buzzer, the score favored Elon, 60-50.

The Chanticleers (7-14, 3-6) will play at Radford this Saturday at 7:00.

Profile

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

FRI, FEB. 15 vs. William and Mary, 3 p.m.

TENNIS

SUN, FEB. 17 vs. Radford, 12 p.m.

SPORTS

Coastal clobbers High Point

Chants win in Big South play, improving record to 5-6 in conference competition

By Justin Gardner
sports editor

The men's basketball team decided to do their part to make last week's Homecoming festivities as exciting as possible. The Chanticleers gave High Point a royal butt-whooping, South Carolina Mardi Gras style. The Panthers couldn't contain the turbo-charged offense, which shot a record 16 three-pointers.

In the first half, Justin Burton led the Chants with three-pointers, spreading the Panther defense thin and allowing Tony Darden and Derrick Robinson to take control under the basket. The Homecoming matchup featured a Coastal team that fans had yet to see until Saturday evening. It's also a team that CCU would like to see more of.

"It was like they just wanted to come out and play together some more," Coach Pete Strickland said.

And they did just that. By moving the ball around the court and being unselfish as individuals, they were able to take good scoring opportunities and shoot high percentages from both the field and beyond the three-point line.

The second half brought more of the same, with both Burton and Alvin Green leading numerous charges to their opponent's basket. Darden was a force off of the glass, bringing down a game high 9 rebounds and giving the Chants second chances to make shots. Coming to the court in the second half, the Chanticleers had a 14 point lead that they extended to 30 at one point in the game.

Robinson shot very well down the stretch, and by only missing two shots the entire game, he led the team with 21 points. Green and Burton both dished out assists, with 10 and nine respectively. The Chants shot the ball 31 times and had 22 assists, some of the highest marks of the season.

The game ended with the fans on their feet cheering for the Chanticleers to break 100. They were not able to, but they did defeat the Panthers 98-76.

"We feel really good," Robinson said after the game. "This is the first Homecoming game we have won since I have been here."

The Chants return to CCU for their last regular season game of the year on Feb 23, when they will face off against Charleston

Southern at 7:00

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Kelvin Coggins takes the ball to the hoop in the game against Elon, an unlikely prelude to the Homecoming game.

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